

Students' Society of McGill University **Submitted For:** October 23, 2014 Association étudiante de l'Université McGill **Approved On:**

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Councillor Reports October 23, 2014

Farzan Subhani – Clubs and Services Rep

1) Attended my first Funding Committee meeting last week- this was a really long meeting, there were a lot of funding requests to go through, please refer to the funding committee report for a detailed description

2) Attended IGC meeting last week- there were comparatively less interim and full time applications this time as compared to last meeting- we even tried to implement a new ranking matrix- please refer to the IGC report for a detailed description

3) Held my weekly office hours this Tuesday 4:30-6 PM- Unsurprisingly, no one came to meet me :(

Vincent-Pierre Fullerton – Law Rep

General Information

The LSA's GA has been postponed to October 22nd (same day as SSMU's GA, but at noon, to avoid conflict).

SSMU

I have publicized SSMU's GA through several channels at the Law Faculty. I will mention it at the LSA GA which will be held on the same day.

I have ran surveys through the faculty on a few contentious issues in order to gather feedback.

By-Law Review Committee

I have submitted proposals to the by-law review committee, including an overhaul of several parts of current by-law book I. I am looking forward to interesting discussions.

Scott Conrad – Engineering Rep

 Semaine Consent et EUS : j'ai parlé au président du comité sur la diversité d'EUS, et puis j'attends sa réponse sur les travaux qui se feront durant la semaine pour les membres d'EUS



- J'aborderai le sujet des hautes de frais étudiants de citoyenneté Française au conseil demain, lundi le 20.
- Un sommaire de la présentation sur la diversité et l'équité pour les ingénieurs qui s'est passé deux jeudi passés peut être trouvé à ces lieux: <u>http://mcgilltribune.com/news/forum-diversity-inclusivity-engineering-discussesintersectional-perspectives/, http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2014/10/forum-exploresapproaches-to-inclusivity-in-engineering/
 </u>
- Rond-table sur les sports et l'athlétisme : rien de nouveau, on attend un autre membre avant de faire une rencontre
- Les relations interuniversitaires d'EUS sont très fortes, j'aimerais dire un petit mot sur ceci au début de la rencontre du conseille
- Il faudra que j'annonce verbalement les nouvelles de la rencontre du conseille EUS à chaque rencontre de l'AÉUM car nos rencontres sont les lundi soirs de la même semaine, après que nos rapports sont dus.

Rohan Sachal - Clubs Rep

In the past two weeks, I have been attending the following: -Mandatory Equity Training

-Funding Meeting every Tuesday

Lasted 4 hours this past Tuesday

-IGC Meeting every Wednesday

I also have office hours now on Friday from 2:30-3:30 pm

Rebecca Medvedev – Nursing Rep

- Attended NUS meeting. I reminded council of the General Assembly coming up on October 22nd.
- Attended the Canadian Nursing Students' Association (CNSA) Regional Conference hosted at McGill.
- Held my weekly office hours on Fridays from 1:30-2:30pm in the NUS office.

Eddie Lin – Arts Rep

SSMU

- Attended the makeup council training
- AUS
 - Hosted Arts International Student Meet & Greet, work out a tentative plan for AUS international commission for this semester
 - Attended Arts Reps & Senators Gerts Night

External Affairs

- Attended student rep training for senate



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Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep

SSMU Legislative Council

09-Oct-2014 Legislative council meeting (#3)

SSMU Steering Committee

05-Oct-2014 Steering committee meeting (#3)

15-Oct-2014 GA – Steering committee meeting

SSMU Accountability Committee

14-Oct-2014

Accountability committee meeting (#1): selection of student staff and members-at-large candidates

MSS Executive Council

13-Oct-2014 Executive council meeting (#2): mention of upcoming GA (Fall 2014)

MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee

13-Oct-2014

Confirmation of committee members Confirmation of upcoming meeting date

<u>General</u>

Week of 12-Oct-2014

Advertisement of upcoming GA (Fall 2014) via Facebook and class announcements Consultation with constituents via Facebook re: upcoming tuition discussion (c.f. VP External)

Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep

EUS

 October 7th, Forum on the incorporation of sustainability in all departments of engineering, I could not attend due to a Funding meeting, but I hear that a lot of great ideas were brought up.



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- October 9th, EUS and the Faculty of Engineering hosted the Forum of Diversity and Inclusivity in Engineering. This was organized by our newly formed Equity committee (Yay equity in engineering!). The key note speaker was Dr. Karen Tonso who came in from Wayne State University for the occasion. There were also 5 panelists: Tal Arbel (Prof in Electrical and Computer Engineering), Sara Houshmand (3rd year PhD counseling psychology student), Tanja Beck (access services advisor for OSD), Loréane Goma (U3 Mining Engineering student) and Charmaine Lyn (Director of Medical Admissions). The main focus was gender issues and microagressions. The conversation was shifted towards sexism; this is logical because the majority of people that attended were women. It was fairly well attended. The Tribune wrote about it if you want more info: http://mcgilltribune.com/news/forum-diversity-inclusivity-engineering-discussesintersectional-perspectives/
- EUS council on the 6th
- EUS council on the 20th

IGC

- Had to miss the meeting on October 15th due to a midterm at the same time
- Unsure of whether we are still meeting on the 22nd (if so, I will be there)

Funding

- Had to also miss the meeting that week on October 14th due to a abnormally high concentration of midterms & assignments
- Meeting on October 21st: the agenda is supposed to be Ambassador Fund and Club Fund (it will be a looooong one)

GA

- GA is this Wednesday!!! Excited to see a huge turn out!
- Will keep on advertising! I will also bring it up again on Council at EUS (October 20th)

Yasmine Nadifi – PTOT Rep

Thursday October 9th: Missed the monthly POTUS general council to attend the legislative council.

Friday October 10th: Met with POTUS president and VP admin to keep them updated about the last legislative council.

Tuesday October 14th and Thursday October 16th: Class announcements to promote the upcoming General Assembly.

During the week, I have been promoting 4Floors event through the facebook pages of each cohort and through the weekly emails. I am working on organizing a wheelchair basketball tournament. POTUS might work in collaboration with the SAPEK (kinesiology student association) to organize this event on a bigger scale.



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Rachel Weaver – Services Rep

Recently, I have been circulating the motion regarding discretionary funding, along with meeting with services and asking for their feedback. I plan to continue to reach out to my constituents as much as possible in order to bring their feedback to the next Council meeting. My office hours are yet to be finalized, but I hope to have a time set up within the next week.

Omar El-Sharawy

SSMU

- Promoted GA through social media and science GC
- Sadly missed the steering committee meeting due to a midterm

SUS

- Attended all my office hours, no visitors but ensure to help the science council with tabling
- Helped promote the SUS social SUStainability week through word of mouth and social media

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy – Arts Rep

AUS

Held a successful Meet and Greet at Gerts. Printed out GA motions and discussed them. Brought motions forward. This included those regarding AUS Executive compensation, accountability measures, and the AGSEM campaign.

SSMU

By-Law Review committee meeting this week to finalize books.

Saurin Shah – Arts and Science Rep

Faculty

- October 7th Arts & Science Assembly
 - Gave a recap of previous Legislative Council, including information about AGSEM's U-Drive and effect on Arts & Science
 - Passed BASiC's 2014-15 Annual Budget

SSMU

- Attended equity and make-up councillor trainings



- By-Law Review Committee: Finalized revision to books III, IV, and V for meeting on Oct. 21
- Joined Nominating and Operations Management Committees

Émilie Boutin – Education Rep

Education:

- PED Talk: How to Use a Smartboard (October 30th, 4:30 to 5:30 -> promotion for this event)
- Detention's Den: This Thursday 4-7
- Office hours: Monday mornings 10:30 to 11:30 (EdUS lounge)

SSMU:

- Met with External Affairs committee: starting discussions to take action on various motions
- GA: made announcements to Ed classes about upcoming GA. Go vote!

Nancy Zhang – Music Rep

-excited to be part of the Board of Directors
 -went to training for Consent campaign
 -environment committee: could not go due to change of date for that week and sickness; will be attending Oct 20th meeting
 -attended Anti-austerity meeting at Concordia

- Health and education: easy targets
- Students and work force/admins are experiencing similar situations (lack of resources and opportunity due to cuts)
- Brainstormed ideas of outreach and action

`Zacheriah Houston – Science Rep

Personal

Oct. 17th to Oct 23rd

• My busiest week of the semester in terms of personal commitments, with 4 midterms in 6 days

• Excited for my midterms to be over on the 23rd – looking forward to having more time for SSMU and SUS

• Unfortunately will be late for Oct 23 Council, as I have a 6pm exam.



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Faculty

Oct 8th – SUS General Council

- · Heard executive and departmental reports
- · Very short meeting No new business or motions submitted

Committees & Ongoing

Funding Committee

• SQ

Office Hours (SUS Office: TR 10:15-11:15) • SQ

Upcoming

Oct. 23rd – SUS General Council

· Agenda unavailable at the time of writing

Oct 22nd – General Assembly

- Super excited for the GA on Wednesday!
- Will make some classroom announcements this week
- Excited to see quite a bit of interest hoping for a large turn out!
- · Continuing to promote attendance within my faculty and personal circles

Lexi Michaud – FYC Rep

Seeing as this was my first week, I have primarily been getting to know the different systems such as Vibe and Groupwise and reading over the constitution and bi-laws. I have also been promoting the General Assembly to my constituents.

Kareem Ibrahim - Senate Rep

October 23rd

AUS

- i) Faculty of Arts Council; SQ
- ii) Nominations for the VP Internal position have been extended as there was only 1 candidate
- iii) Motion regarding the increase of the hours AUS Executives can log for their remuneration (if they qualify for Work Study) have been pushed to referendum, as opposed to going through AUS Council
- iv) AUS Council is officially equity trained! Woohoo! Thanks to Sarah & Tynan from SEDE for their lovely training.



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- v) Developing accountability guidelines for Executives with VP External & VP Finance
- vi) Traditional territory acknowledgement is now on the AUS website!!

SSMU

i) Sustainability Committee met – due to mailing issues, I wasn't informed of the meeting and was not accounted for in the planning of this one and cannot attend, so participation is limited to online forums

ii) Accountability Committee met – we decided on our members at large, a framework going forward and our goals for the year. Hoping to establish a form for students to use to lodge complaints against both SSMU as a whole and specific people as well **Senate** (Senate documents can be found here <u>http://bit.ly/1v7nhPl</u>)

i) Committee on Student Services met – we discussed the goals of each service and changes for this upcoming year, namely the relocation of the Shag Shop, Mental Health & Counselling Services collaborating with student groups, namely the Peer Support Network, Healthy McGill's new goals and the progress on the renovation of the space for First People's House

ii) Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities; Going to e-mail the chair again to get an update on when this committee will meet. Not impressed.

iii) Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA); Next meeting Oct 28 iv) Caucus;

- Meets every Monday at 6:30 in the SSMU Boardroom
- Discussing the upcoming Senate meeting (at this point it will have passed) v) Senate;
 - Questions for the upcoming Senate meeting (October 22nd, docs -> <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/10ov48RxAzHYasLBT1Du2AX1g4Uqr4mEu</u> <u>RQC3UC-BCVU/edit?usp=sharing</u>)
 - Question Regarding Funding for the Off-Campus Fellow Program
 - Question Regarding Commitment to Promoting a Safer Campus
 - Reached out to representatives from as many student associations and groups as possible and planned a project planning meeting for the initiatives happening with SEDE this year, here are our projects: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bmmjVlocOvLAvfWAMc1eDR9cVRiwBrV_RadrUQM_Sz4/edit?usp=sharing</u>
 - #ConsentMcGill is happening this week! Check out the awesome Facebook event (<u>https://www.facebook.com/events/274980832700591/</u>) and the video the AUS made! (<u>https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=780172158691616</u>)
 - Working with ECOLE, updates to come
 - Consulted constituents regarding dining halls and VP FOPS is brining feedback to FADAC (Food and Dining Advisory Committee) on our collective behalf (here is what was sent in



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https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xyPCD6KqMDAmvgqzgrtbAOR2RAwiGSv FMIGVL_Y9TwU/edit?usp=sharing)

Christie Li-Science Representative

September 9rd -October 20th-I was able to attend all council-related commitments.

<u>General</u>

October 6th- SUS Executive Meeting

- SUS executive meeting, we mostly discussed promotion ideas for the upcoming Social Sustainability Week and the final itinerary for the week is determined:
 - Monday October 20th at 5:00 3555 Ecole- AMI QUEBEC Meet & Greet
 - Tuesday October 21th –BBQ and Jumanji screening at Leacock 232
 - Wednesday October 22nd Mental Health Market Trivia
 - Thursday October 24rd -clubbing event at Tokyo
 - Friday October 24th- Beer Pong at BDA
 - Saturday 25th -Soccer Tournament and closing party and raffle
- SEAMLESS event

October 7th-SSMU Equity Training

• I attended the Equity Training and reflected upon equity-related issues and the importance of applying these concepts in organizing events and student representation

October 8th –SUS General Council

- Science Senator application is due
- There is an opportunity to explore the library services via VP Communications
- Progress on the Science Games is discussed
- Graduate School Fair is approaching
- I informed the General Council about the SSMU General Assembly on October 22 and encouraged all the departments to promote and attend
- SUS General Assembly is November 5th

October 9th – SSMU Legislative Council

- I attended the legislative council and here is a summary of what was discussed:
 - The audit for May 31, 2014 was reviewed with the auditor of Financial Statements and was approved
 - Dean of Students came to give a speech about the goals of the Office of Dean of Students
 - Motion to adopt the Standing Rules was passed
 - Motion Regarding the Endorsement of the AGSEM U-Drive in order to



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recognize the rights of undergraduate teaching assistants, markers, tutors and others was passed. AGSEM (Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill) attempts to unionize the undergraduate teaching assistants to ensure standards for education, wages and working conditions for the employees

- i. The vote was done by roll-call (faculty) and I voted "ABSTAIN" and the motion was passed
 - a)I voted "ABSTAIN" because I feel like a lot of undergraduate TAs in Science chose to become TAs for the experience and this was not a particular concern from my opinion among our constituents, therefore I do not feel that this particular motion will apply to our constituents
- Motion Regarding the Adoption of a Traditional Territory in order to recognize that McGill is established on traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka territory such that this acknowledgement will reinforce the relationship between the university and the indigenous community
 - i. I voted "FOR" for this motion and the motion was passed
- Two similar motions regarding whether councilors can remain employed by SSMU was reviewed and passed. One is the Motion Regarding Zacheriah Houston's Employment at the Nest, which was passed to allow Councilor Houston to continue working at the Nest but he shall not be involved in incamera discussion related to the Nest. The other is the Motion regarding Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy's Employment at Gertrude's Corner, which was passed to allow Councilor Kpeglo-Hennessy to continue working at Gertrude's Corner but be removed from the discussion of any in-camera matters in regards to Gertrude's Corner
- Motion regarding the Question: Bikes on Campus was discussed and the following plebiscite questions such as "should cycling be allowed on lower campus?" and "Should SSMU lobby the McGill administration to allow bikes on campus?" are to be added on the Fall 2014 referendum ballot
- Motion Regarding the referendum question on SSMU TVM fee was passed to place question whether or not to restructure the TVM fee from \$0.10/credit per student per semester up to a maximum of 15 credits to \$1.5 per student per semester for full-time students and 0.90 per student per semester for part-time students for the SSMU Fall Referendum Period
- Board of Directors nominations are passed and additional candidates are selected
- I attended "Meet SSMU Executive Event" right after council and helped answer questions from students regarding the operation of SSMU
- I promoted the General Assembly on October 22, 2014 on Facebook

October 16th-Make-Up Orientation



- I attended the make-up orientation and was briefed on the governance and logistics of SSMU as well as my responsibilities as a councilor
- I was also assigned my two committees, being the Nomination Committee, which is a committee in charge of reviewing nominations for SSMU awards, as well as the Service Review Committee

Committee

• I was assigned to the Nominating Committee and Service Review Committee. The meeting times are to be determined

Office Hours for Fall Term

• Due to logistical issues, my office hours are yet to be determined **Ongoing**

- October 22, 2014: General Assembly
- October 22, 2014: SUS General Council
- October 23, 2014: SSMU Legislative Council
- Committee meetings times and office hours are to be determined

Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie –Arts Rep

- AUS Council
- Motion to amend amend of FAC Bylaws: Passed
- Motion to Amend Financial Bylaws: Withdrawn
- Motion to Adopt the CLASHA Constitution: Passed
- Motion to Approve the DROs: Passed
- Motion to Endorse AGSEM Unionization Campaign: Postponed
- Motion to Approve List of Room Renaming Nomination: Postponed
- Committees
- Library Improvement Fund
- Campaign for awareness and improvements
- Building Committee
- SQ



- Committee on Student Affairs
- SQ
- · Subcommittee on the Office for Students with Disabilities
- Misc.
- · Hosted Arts Reps and Senators Gerts night
- Big success, distributed motions, met constituents, promoted GA

Chloe Rourke – Senate Rep

Monday Oct 6

- Senate Caucus
 - Met with PGSS to talk about increased SSMU-PGSS collaboration

Tuesday Oct 7

- Training for the Committee on Student Grievances
- Arts & Science Assembly

Thursday Oct 9

- Met informally with the other student reps on Committee for Student Services
- Discussed upcoming meeting on Oct 10

Thursday Oct 9-Monday Oct 13

- Out of Montreal for Thanksgiving weekend
- Absent for SSMU Council and CSS Meeting

Monday Oct 13

• Senate Caucus was cancelled (Thanksgiving)

Thursday Oct 16

- Met informally with OCF fellows
 - Discuss the program and the challenges it is facing and the future of OCF
 - Discussed the question asked at Senate relating to OCF

Friday Oct 17

First Community Engagement Committee
 Brainstormed goals/ideas



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Sunday Oct 18

• Emailed blurb for BASiC listserv regarding GA

Lola Baraldi – Arts Rep

AUS

- Committees
 - Faculty of Arts SQ
 - Arts Community Engagement
 - Had our first meeting this weekend, planning November de-stress community events
- Upcoming collaborations
 - SEDE Seeds of Change
 - ECOLE sustainability workshop, panel discussion on indigenous rights
 - o CaPS Grad Fair (November 4th!), Work your B.A. -
- AUS Council
 - Had Equity Training last council
 - Amended FAC bylaws
 - Approved the DRO
 - Adopted CLASHSA constitution
- Consent Campaign
 - Watch the AUS promo video here: https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=780172158691616
 - Tuesday Oct 21st: AUS Equity workshop in AUS lounge re: grey areas around consent
 - Thursday Oct 23rd: AUS Film Series screening '500 days of summer', followed by discussion,
 - Thursday Oct 23rd: BDAwareness with Healthy McGill tabling, 5-8 in AUS lounge
- Misc.
 - Gerts event with Arts Reps & Senators a great success people came out and discussed the GA motions, asked us questions, etc.

SSMU

- Committees
 - SSPN 4 floors
 - Ticket sales Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th from 3-5 at Y intersection. Come out to the Y intersection on Thursday the 30th for pre-4floors activities! (pumpkin carving, apple bobbing, potential inflatables...)
 - Met with SSMU security
 - Met with SSMU equity to discuss costume awareness campaign. Cultural appropriation forum to be held on Monday Oct 27th.
 - o External Affairs



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- Had to miss the first meeting due to a (one time only) scheduling conflict with excomm
- GA ٠
 - Mover on the motion on Action on Climate Change

Laureanne Pelletier – IRC Rep

- Office Hours: still on hold
- IRC meeting
 - Spoke about GA