



# Students' Society of McGill University

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## Report of the President to Legislative Council

23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2014

### Student Democracy & Constituencies

- Judicial Board
  - SQ
- Council
  - Photos today!
  - Waiting for retreat bus invoices
  - Paying \$657.66 for the Gault rental for Council orientation retreat
  - Mandatory make-up Orientation for those that missed orientation retreat will be October 16
  - Vibe issues should be resolved
  - Claire is organizing an equity training for all Councillors. This was mandated at a Council meeting last year
- Faculty Relations
  - First PRT of the year was last week! Good attendance
  - Photography contract meeting last week with all faculty representatives and Lassman studios
- PGSS
  - SQ
- Elections SSMU
  - Bringing By Law Book I amendments to By Law Review Committee
- General Assembly
  - Promotion has started and the facebook event is launching in early October
  - Article 4.2 of By Law Book I -- Motions in advance must be submitted to the Speakers of Council at least two (2) weeks in advance of the General Assembly.
    - Hence deadline for GA motions is October 8!
- Governance Document Review
  - Councillor By-Laws in the process of being made
  - By Law Review Committee meeting in the next week
- SSMU Handbook / Agenda
  - Working with both SSMU's sponsorship coordinator and CU advertising for next year's handbook
- Media
  - First monthly media check-in was the Friday after last Council. The exec team is meeting with an editor or two from The Tribune, The Daily, and Le Delit to discuss recent issues every month.
    - We discussed our expectations for those monthly meeting and the executives' public calendars
- Spoke at Residence Council Orientation on Sunday!





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## McGill Governance & Relations

- Board of Governors
  - Attended training last Friday
- Senate
  - Attended Senate and APC (academic policy committee).
    - Senate: Asked question about usage statistics and McGill's promotion of pre-arrival advising tools like Ask an Advisor and the McGill app. Also asked a question about the stats on Mental Health usage, which say that 80% of those who use McGill's mental health resources live on campus.
    - APC: Asked about support for students studying abroad, especially at universities with few courses offered in English
- Alumni Association
  - Corresponding with the new President and hoping to meet with him soon
- Campus Life and Engagement
  - SEAMLESS – October 26
    - Met with Mitch Miller to flush out the schedule for the day
    - Limited budget (currently \$0)
    - Unfortunately did not receive sponsorship with MFDS so I'm looking into other food options for the day
- Memorandum of Agreement
  - SQ
- Administration
  - Meeting with DP SLL on Wednesday. Oral report.
- Centraide
  - For more info: <http://www.mcgill.ca/centraide/centraide-campaign-2014>
  - Co-chairing the campaign with the Deans of RIR and Law
  - Meeting Wednesday

## Human Resources & Executive

- Student Staff
  - Gave three Sustainability info sessions for new SSMU student staff
    - Foundational sustainability information
    - Sustainability resources and policies at SSMU and McGill
    - Responsibilities regarding sustainability
- Permanent Staff
  - SQ
- Executives
  - VP External did a great job organizing the Naomi Klein book launch with CSU



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## Sustainability

- Assessment
  - Environment commissioners are drafting the 2013-2014 assessment and will present it to Council October 23
- Policy / Ad Hoc Committee
  - Motion for creation brought to Council tonight
  - Research ongoing by the Political Attaché to look at best practices of other university associations
  - Meeting in the next week or two
- Environment Committee
  - Looking into more permanent meeting space since they have a massive committee this year (20 people!)
  - SSMU got 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the electroBAC (electronic recycling) contest! Envirocom has won \$250, which will go towards planning events and projects for the year

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney Ayukawa

