



Students' Society of McGill University

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Report of the President to Legislative Council

23rd of October, 2014

Student Democracy & Constituencies

- My office hours are every Wednesday 12:30-2:30pm!!!
- Board of Directors
 - Motion passed at the GA
 - First meeting was today – yay!
- Judicial Board
 - They have met and elected a Chief Justice.
 - They have a petition that they are currently working on.
 - Recruitment is ongoing and I am doing some interviews
- Council
 - Kevin sent out an email about make up photos (they will be Monday 5pm!)
 - Mandatory make-up Orientation for those that missed orientation retreat was last week
 - If you have ANY Vibe / Groupwise issues or want to put your email onto your phones, please email jcampbell@ssmu.mcgill.ca
 - Equity training was Tuesday. A make up one will be scheduled for those that did not participate
 - Met with Elie regarding the BSN motion
 - Feedback from DP SLL office
 - Wrote plebiscite sustainability motion
- Faculty Relations
 - PRT for November is in the process of being scheduled. The photography contract will be discussed
- PGSS
 - SSMU + PGSS summit / joint council meeting
 - To discuss one or two issues on campus and maybe take a stance for them
 - Meeting with PGSS on Monday about this
- Elections SSMU
 - FYC elections are done!
 - President - Mackenzie Anderson
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 - VP Student Affairs - Alex Friesen
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 - VP External - Lexi Michaud [sits on SSMU Council!]
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 - VP Internal - Gabi Gionet



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 - VP Finance - Djavan Habel-Thurton
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 - VP Events - John Nnamchi
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 - Discussed FYC old/new dinner + general spending issue with Stefan
- General Assembly
 - I basically spent all of my time doing this
 - Steering committee met and reviewed motions. Recommended revisions to motions to be put onto the agenda
 - Expecting a lot of people!
 - Location has been changed to the 2nd floor, with Ballroom for overflow
 - All 4 scanners will be used on the 2nd floor initially (3 in, 1 out) and once around 500 students have been scanned in to the 2nd floor, 2 scanners will go up to the ballroom and start scanning students in there
 - 2 new scanners were ordered for the GA so this would be faster! We usually only have 2 and this is the main “bottleneck” for people
 - The south side of the caf, LB, and MP are closed for the day to set up and test the livestream/AV
 - The caf will be closing at 2pm (like it does for activities night, 4floors, etc.)
 - 4 security agents are being booked
 - 300 more ballots are being printed
 - Student staff / volunteer sign up - <http://goo.gl/forms/NlA7RhtwGu>
 - 2 pre GA volunteer meetings
 - Drafted FAQs and printed 200 copies (French and English) to be handed out to people at the GA
 - Livestream
 - Peer support volunteers
 - Debrief meetings have been scheduled with the permanent staff and execs. One for volunteers coming soon
- Governance Document Review
 - By Law Review Committee has met and is finishing up the By Law changes for this semester
 - Discussed Electoral Review Committee
- SSMU Handbook / Agenda
 - Met with Ryan about the budget since there are changes in the revenues (CU to SSMU's Sponsorship Coordinator)
- Media
 - Various interviews



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McGill Governance & Relations

- Board of Governors
 - Joint Board Senate meeting coming up
 - BPC meeting last week. Discussed deferred maintenance, including that of IT – not just buildings
 - 1st CAMSR meeting of the year is next Thursday
- Senate
 - Attended Caucus on Monday but couldn't go to the Senate meeting yesterday bc I was prepping for the GA
 - APC meeting next week conflicts with CAMSR meeting
- Alumni Association
 - Leacock Luncheon last Friday
 - Meeting with the President of the MAA soon, meeting was postponed
- Campus Life and Engagement
 - SEAMLESS – Nov 9 (date changed because the previous one was also McGill's Open House!
 - Sent invite to Lev Bukhman to be a speaker
 - Working on catering options and sponsorship
- Memorandum of Agreement
 - Meeting with Claire to discuss how to best move forward
- Administration
 - Received letter from DP SLL of docs needed (mainly financial and Appendix G)
 - Received official notice from DP SLL regarding Building Fee Levy
 - COME TO THE UNIVERSITY'S BUDGET TOWN HALLS ON MONDAY, MCGILL WANTS TO CONSULT YOU
 - MRO was sent out about it in the last few days
 - McGill needs to find \$21 million dollars...
- Centraide
 - Emailed RTP and they cannot take on organizing another spin a thon because it is super soon after the one they organized
 - Kevin attended meeting in my place last week bc it conflicted with another meeting
 - I am attending a breakfast where I will give a speech next Monday!

Human Resources & Executive

- Student Staff
 - Done with all sustainability trainings!
 - Doing workplan meetings and check ins with my staff
 - Still recruiting for a couple positions
- Permanent Staff



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- Workplan meetings ongoing
- Executives
 - Workplan meeting ongoing, now once a month instead of every other week after it was discussed and decided that they are too frequent because not enough progress is made on all projects between workplan meetings and that time would be better spent going towards working on projects/administrative work
 - Anyone can still call a workplan meeting between the regularly scheduled ones
 - Beginning to work on schedule for next executives' (2014-2015) transition in May 2015

Sustainability

- Green Staff
 - Working on budget – submitted budget!
 - Had workplan meeting with Environment Commissioners
- Assessment
 - Met with Environment Commissioners multiple times to review the Assessment
 - Presented Oct 23!
 - Wrote Legislative Council section
- Policy / Ad Hoc Committee
 - Met last week and drafted questions for in person surveying
 - Meeting next Wednesday – anyone can attend, we are looking for members at large still!
 - Met with Political Atache to discuss Sustainability Research
 - Looking into the possibility of hiring a student staff to head this project because I do not have enough time to do it properly
- Environment Committee
 - Planning their annual Sustainability Conference, SPOKES, which will be Nov 2!
 - Posters have been printed!
 - Committee members have started blogging!
 - <http://envirocommposts.wordpress.com/2014/10/13/super-easy-halloween-decoration-using-old-bottles/>

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Ayukawa



General Assembly FAQs

Can I leave and return? (Bathroom break, getting food, etc.)

Yes! There's a designated exit where you will be scanned out with your ID card and your ballot will be collected. Upon return, you will need to present your ID card to be scanned in and you will receive a new ballot.

Can I leave and not return?

Yes, there's a designated exit where your ID card will be scanned and your ballot will be collected in order for you to leave.

Where are the closest bathrooms?

On the 3rd floor, near Midnight Kitchen. There are also bathrooms on the 1st floor, near Liquid Nutrition.

Where can I get food?

There is not free food at this GA, but you may leave the GA to buy food anywhere in the building! You will need to return your ballot and scan out in order to leave and get food though. We also ask that people please be careful when bringing food into the GA or just eat outside, to make clean up easier and faster!

Why do we scan everyone in and out?

We scan everyone in and out because we need to keep track of the number of SSMU members in the room. This is important because quorum for a regular General Assembly is 100 Members from at least 4 different faculties/schools, and there's a maximum of 50 Members from any one particular faculty/school.