



Report of the President to Legislative Council

November 6th 2014

Student Democracy & Constituencies

- Board of Directors
 - Emailed notification to all Board members for meetings of the rest of the 2014-2015 year
 - Next meeting is Nov 20 at 5:30pm in this room!
- Judicial Board
 - The JBoard has a new petition (2nd for this year)
 - Mediation meeting with Alexei Simakov
 - Oral report
 - Joint statement attached as an appendix at the end of this report
 - Recruitment for more members is ongoing still
 - If you know ANYONE that has done 4+ semesters of McGill law, please tell them to apply!!!
- Council
 - Kevin sent out an email about make up photos (they were Monday 5pm!)
 - <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/about-us/our-team/representatives/>
 - Speaker did another make up orientation – everyone has received training now
 - New SWSA (social work) rep
 - School of Environment interested in a Councillor position
- Faculty Relations
 - SEAMLESS is this weekend! See update below with CLE
 - PRT later this month
 - NUS, SWSA, and POTUS (“affiliated associations” umbrella-ed under SSMU) MoA changes
 - Administrative fee because we are currently doing a lot of accounting and insurance work for them and covering that cost ☹
- Meeting with MCSS (Mac campus) bc they’re discussing their MoA with the university soon
- PGSS
 - SSMU + PGSS summit / joint council meeting
 - Met with Juan and PGSS Speaker, Nida, to discuss joint summit
 - Will likely be the 3rd week of January
 - Probably discussing McGill budget priorities
 - PGSS and SSMU execs draft public statement to bring to that meeting for review and a vote to publicize
 - Minutes from meeting are uploaded to Vibe as Appendix A
- Elections SSMU



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- Ben has sent his 2 weeks notice in order to initiate a hiring process for the CEO positions. David will likely be doing so soon as well. They will be CEO and DEO, respectively, in the interim (as per the agreement made in the mediation meeting). This process is being determined by Nominating and By Law Review Committees right now. Council will be informed as things progress
- The CEO position has been posted and opened on Smartrecruiters, the application website SSMU uses.
- General Assembly
 - Debrief meetings with Permanent staff and Execs. Meeting with volunteers and giving them pizza as a thank you soon
 - Met with students afterwards that had concerns
 - Lots of emails and calls since the GA
 - Wrote a letter!
 - <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/blog/2014/11/ssmu-presidents-thoughts-on-the-october-ga/>
 - Received the following from the Tribune:

“To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Abraham Moussako, opinion editor at the *McGill Tribune*. I'm emailing you because, after the General Assembly and the blowback over the GA (as evidenced by the subsequent semi-satirical Facebook event advocating the abolition/replacement of SSMU), I was wondering if you would be interested in answering (in 450-600 words) the following prompt: "How would you make SSMU a stronger representative body?" You would be free to interpret or define the terminology as you see fit, or even challenge the premise of the question in your answer. The submissions will be due the night of [this] Saturday, November 1st, with the section running November 3rd. I look forward to working with you and encouraging this dialogue on our campus.

Here is an example of the format; a “Campus Conversation” we ran last year on the reputed decline of McGill.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Abraham Moussako”
 - Working with Ryan to find a new scan in / scan out system since that was the major roadblock and issue
 - Asked DP SLL for student ID #s because that would facilitate the process
 - Sabrina is currently booking all of the lecture rooms in Leacock (132, 219, the ones by Snax) for the winter GA
 - Adobe Connect issues are being investigated; we may need a new livestream software
- Governance Document Review
 - By Law Review Committee
 - By-laws are basically finalized! They are going to the lawyer in this next



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week

- Met with HR Coordinator to discuss By-law revisions part-time staff position. A job description was written, underwent multiple drafts, and was approved by ex comm. The position is now open on Smartrecruiters!
- SSMU Handbook / Agenda
 - SQ
- Media
 - Did a Daily interview re: McGill MoA today
 - Did a Daily interview re: GA last Friday
 - All execs meeting with the campus media next Friday

McGill Governance & Relations

- Board of Governors
 - Joint Board Senate Tuesday
 - Oral report if Claire doesn't have time to cover it
 - Attended CAMSR (committee to advise on matters of social responsibility) meeting last Thursday
 - Joined a working group of the committee that is applying to the SPF
- Senate
 - Weekly caucus
 - APC meeting last week conflicted with CAMSR meeting ☹
- Alumni Association
 - Met MAA President at the Leacock Luncheon and also in a separate meeting last week
 - Invited him to come speak at Council sometime this year about the MAA and alumni's relationship with students on campus
 - Likely coming Dec 4!
- Campus Life and Engagement
 - SEAMLESS – Nov 9 (THIS SUNDAY!)
 - Sent equipment request
 - Lev Bukhman and Anita Nowak will be a speakers
 - Met with Alessandro and Simona about catering from The Nest
 - Sponsorship from Alumni!
- Memorandum of Agreement
 - Met with Claire to discuss plan moving forward
 - Met with Claire and Kathleen to discuss access to financial information
 - Daily interview
- Administration
 - Met with DP SLL on Monday, discussed the following:
 - Non-tuition fees tax receipts capped at \$240
 - Fee bundling
 - BSN fee levy



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- Nov 27 meeting with all student assoc execs at Oohlala
- Athletics
- Dining with the DP SLL
 - I went to one yesterday!
 - Nov 12, 12:00, Première Moisson, Redpath Library
 - Nov 25, 12:30, E-Café, McConnell Engineering
 - Dec 2, 12:30, Quesada and Bento Sushi, Bronfman Bldg
- Appendix G of MoA
- Student #s for the GA
- MERST & MELS
- Mental health screening test
- Went to town hall with Claire and Kathleen last Friday regarding McGill's financial situation
- Centraide Fundraising Campaign
 - Went to a 7:30am breakfast meeting last Monday and spoke briefly
 - Kevin (secgen@ssmu.mcgill.ca) is taking on most of this
 - Met with Dan for a fundraising SSPN event
 - Trivia!!
 - Kevin emailed Stefan about clubs
 - I emailed all Faculty assoc Presidents and have received interest from a couple associations

Human Resources & Executive

- Student Staff
 - Evaluations and workplans are coming along
- Permanent Staff
 - SQ
- Executives
 - SQ

Sustainability

- Green Staff
 - Green Building Coord met with McGill to get utilities report and presented to you all today!
 - Vegan cookie workshop Nov 12 by our Green Events Coordinator! Focused towards students who usually have bake sales in order to give a more sustainable bake sale option!
 - Environment Commissioners and Committee ran SPOKES this Sunday
 - Good turn out, probably close to 100 people there
- Assessment



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- SQ
- Policy / Ad Hoc Committee
 - Launched consultation at SPOKES, SSMU Sustainability Conference which the Environment Committee organizes every year
 - Political Attaché's research is almost done
 - Met with HR Coordinator to discuss the creation of a student staff position under my supervision to champion this project and consultation since I am too busy
 - Consultation form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1e9Vd1pp97PPVZaf4NOGfy2BA89tulmr6M14uNBqNry0/viewform>
- Environment Committee
 - Great SPOKES!

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Ayukawa