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Councillor Reports – January 15, 2015

Dallon Kuprowski – Athletics Rep

Student Athletic Council

- as per holidays everything is status quo

Varsity Council

- as per holidays everything is status quo

- first meeting back will be held January 13th

Rebecca Medvedev – Nursing Rep

- First NUS council meeting will be on January 16th. We have been working on making many changes to our constitution.
- Weekly office hours will begin the week of January 12th.

Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep

SSMU Legislative Council

04-Dec-2014

Legislative council meeting (#7)

SSMU Steering Committee

01-Dec-2014

Steering committee meeting (#7)

SSMU Accountability Committee SQ

MSS Executive Council SQ

MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee SQ

General

Week of 04-Jan-2015

Promotion of SSMU Activities Night: Facebook, word-of-mouth

Rachel Weaver – Services Rep



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This semester I look forward to continuing to work with student run services as well as being involved with the Services Review and Accountability Committees.

Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie – Arts Rep

- Currently organizing a tour of departmental councils. Will be attending the Caribbean and Latin American, Canadian, and philosophy student associations.
- None of my committees have had meetings yet this semester.
- AUS council has yet to start; our first meeting will be held this Wednesday. AUS council will alternate with SSMU council after this week.

Nancy Zhang – Music Rep

Environment committee: meeting dates/times TBA

MUSA: meeting dates/times TBA

Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep

EUS

- E-week was last week. Judging by the photos (I am too old to partake in such activities during the semester), it looked like a success.
- Our first council of 2015: January 12th
- Otherwise nothing to report

Funding

- First meeting is scheduled to be January 13th; hopefully we get quorum.

IGC

- First meeting scheduled to be January 7th. I ran to the meeting with wet hair in -20°C weather. I was the only person to show (besides Stefan and Kimber of course). So, unfortunately, the meeting was canceled.
- Probably won't have a meeting on January 14th due to Activities Night

Steering

- I will attend my first steering meeting on January 12th
- Kind of excited to know motions ahead of time. I will definitely consider running more of the infamous 'Benrimoh' surveys

SSMU Daycare

- We were supposed to hold the SSMU general assembly before finals last semester. Unfortunately, we were never able to meet quorum.



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Eddie Lin – Arts Rep

AUS

→ I'm organizing Diverse AUS event for i-week, an event to celebrate international culture and diversity.

Met with international student commissioners and Cindy for CAPS for Diverse to discuss the details

→ AUS departmental tour: Met with EASSA, contacting IDSSA and SSA

→ First council meeting set in the week of SSMU council, so no AUS council yet

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Zachariah Houston – Science Rep

Faculty

Jan 7th – SUS General Council

- General Council is now in the week opposite SSMU Council - one benefit of this is that my reports will now be more relevant, since the previous SUS General Council will have occurred more recently
- Approved Constitutional Affairs Committee Terms of Reference
- Passed two motions approving referendum questions for the increase to the SUS Base Fee, and creation of the SUS Space Fee - more on this below

Follow up re: SUS Fall 2014 Referendum

- On November 5th, the SUS GA approved two motions to send fee-related questions to referendum. However, as the GA did not have quorum, it was considered a consultative body, and thus its decisions were considered to be recommendations to the SUS General Council
- On November 19th, the SUS General Council approved, at the recommendation of the GA, to send the fee increase questions to referendum
- At the December 4th SSMU Council meeting, I was asked what the voter turnout for the Fall 2014 Referendum was, and whether or not it had met quorum. This caused me to dig a little deeper into the constitution regarding the requirements for a referendum
- I informally met with Sarah Southey multiple times between Dec 5th and 7th, and then met with the SUS Speaker of Council and the SUS CRO on Dec. 8th, 2014



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- We determined that although the questions went to referendum, the proper procedures for a referendum were not followed; instead, the procedures for Online Ratification of GA motions were followed. This was due to an error on the part of the SUS. Therefore, the Fall 2014 Referendum cannot actually be considered a referendum; the “Fall 2014 Referendum” was really Online Ratification for the GA motions, misnamed as a “referendum”, however, the ratification was unnecessary, as the GA motions were referred to General Council and thus did not require ratification
- On January 7th, the SUS General Council acknowledged the error and resolved to send both questions to a Winter Referendum.
- Should the questions fail in the Winter Referendum, the fees will be refunded

Follow up re: Issues with Online Ballots

- In response to questions asked of me at the December 4th Council, I looked into the presentation of the ballots for the Fall 2014 Referendum. There was a problem with the voting system administered by the SUS Computer Task Force that caused the “YES” option to be presented above the question, and the “NO” and “ABSTAIN” options below the question. The CTF will be fixing their voting system before the upcoming referendum and election, and the ballots will no longer show the “YES” option above the question.

Committees & Ongoing

SUS Constitutional Affairs Committee

- First meeting, outlined goals for the semester
- I have been tasked with helping FUSS (Freshman Undergraduate Science Society) create a new Constitution (long overdue!)
- We will be immediately focusing on amending our Electoral By-Laws before the upcoming election
- We will then be focusing on a comprehensive review of the entire Constitution, Financial By-Laws, Elections By-Laws, and General Assembly By-Laws
- Finally, we will be looking into creating a general governance By-Law book (similar to the SSMU By-Law Book I)

SUS Office Hours (TBD)

- Office hours for Winter TBD

SSMU Funding Committee

- First meeting of the term to be on Tuesday, January 13th.

BOD

- SQ, upcoming meeting



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Farzan Subhani – Clubs & Services Rep

There is no significant activity to report for the holiday period. With regards to Clubs & Services the Winter Activity night is taking place (would have already taken place by Thursday) this Wednesday; I look forward to the participation of all clubs and services on campus.

Alexander Kpeglo-Hennessy – Arts Rep

AUS:

- Reps/Senators beginning a Departmental Tour
- Waiting for approval for a Wine & Cheese Event to happen in the next month
- Working on compiling some resources about motions/council for the AUS website as requested by some councillors
- The Arts Undergraduate Society is hosting a small conference from 6PM to 9PM on January 27, Tuesday in SSMU Ballroom as part of i-week. We will be inviting McGill alumni and current student leaders from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds to talk about how they have integrated their international or immigrant identity into the McGill experience. Find out more here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1564324683781985/>
- FAC: SQ
- CSA: SQ

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- By-Law Review: SQ
- Board of Directors: SQ

Rohan Sachal – Clubs Rep

Happy New Year everyone! I am excited for an amazing council year ahead. This past week, not much occurred. There was an IGC meeting, but I was not informed about it via GroupWise or my personal email account. On the contrary, the meeting times for IGC are not suiting my academic schedule any longer. Usually, the meetings are Wednesday from 5:30 onwards. However, I have a Biol 301 lab every Wednesday from 1:30 onwards. The IGC Coordinator, Kimber, and I are trying to find new times that will fit everyone's schedules.



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Aside that, looking forward to meeting all of you at council!

Yasmine Nadifi – PTOT Rep

I have been working on a PTOT de-stress month for February. Requests for room bookings have been done for different events and I am waiting for approval. The gym isn't available for the wheelchair basket tournament; I will need to meet with the person in charge of the gym bookings. I am working on the PTOT and SLP career fair happening in March and will be meeting with Tania Canales for the ballroom booking. POTUS and SAPEK want to organize an event together; we are going to meet with their VP external in the following week.

POTUS have organized a back to school party and the funds are going to our grad committee. Our first POTUS exec meeting of the semester is tomorrow (Monday, January 11th)

Lexi Michaud – FYC Rep

-Before leaving for the break FYC was working more and more on the end of year formal. It is our primary project at the moment.

-The massages that we offered during exam time were a success

-The tea was successful as well but the yoga was not the most successful seeing as we did not promote it enough

-Promoting is getting a bit better

-We have our first meeting back tonight

-We created an entering class group for next year which people have already joined

Laureanne Pelletier – IRC Rep

- IRC meetings
 - Discussed Snowball fight event occurring 01/15 followed by a movie night in Douglas piano room
 - Discussed next club events:
 - Mardi Gras
 - St. Patrick's Day

Saurin Shah – Arts and Science Rep

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December 5th – Nominating Committee

- Reviewed most recent applications for Law JBoard justices, approving 1

Vincent-Pierre Fullerton – Law Rep



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Nothing to report between last SSMU Council and today.

Kareem Ibrahim – Senate Caucus Rep

AUS

i) AUS Council met last night

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i) Sustainability Committee – New Commissioner has been hired, woohoo!

Looking forward to

being more involved this semester if times do not conflict as they did the last

ii) Accountability Committee meeting soon

· Doing research on peer institutions re: universal design in the classroom & re: accessibility of SSMU positions to international students via SSMU's Academic Research

Coordinator

· Liaising with the OSD for Disability Awareness Week in March

· Spearheading an SPF application for someone to pilot UDL in the classroom as a means

of encouraging professors and the academy to devote more resources to making learning tools more accessible to students

Senate (Senate documents can be found here <http://bit.ly/1v7nhPI>)

i) Committee on Student Services – SQ

ii) Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities; SQ

iii) Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA); SQ

iv) Caucus; Meeting Tuesdays

v) Senate; Asked the following questions for Senate of January

Question Regarding Student-Run Food Services on Campus

Questions Regarding the Deregulation of International Student Tuition

· ECOLE ; Collective meetings will be happening weekly on Mondays at 6PM!

o Board of Directors meeting on Jan. 14th

· SEDE; Working on the 10th Anniversary Launch

· QPIRG; Working on CURE (Community-University Research Exchange)

Chloe Rourke – Senate Caucus Rep

Senate

- Dec 1 Caucus
 - Discussed Sexual Assault Policy Draft



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- Dec 3 Senate Meeting
 - Late Withdrawal Policy (allowing students with documented, serious mental health issues to withdraw from a semester without record of semester on transcript) - motion withdrawn
- Dec 3 Mental Health Service Advisory Board
 - Replaced Senator Benrimoh as student representative at MHSA
 - Discussed ongoing challenges facing the service including continuous increased demand for services
- Dec 5 CSS – Student Fee Structure Meeting
 - Met with Finance Manager and other CSS student rep to discuss possible changes to the student services fee structure
- Dec 11 Academic Policy Committee
 - Replaced Senator Benrimoh as one of the student representatives
 - Concerns regarding McGill's withdrawal policy were raised
- Student Grievances/Counselling & Tutoring Committees – SQ

Faculty (Arts & Science)

1. Dec 2 Arts & Science Assembly
2. Office Hours: Friday 1:30-2:30 in the BASiC office (Leacock 114-B)

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3. Community Engagement Committee
 - a. **Upcoming Community Engagement Mixers:**
 - i. **Jan 22 -Community & Global Service**
 - ii. **Jan 28 – Justice & Empowerment**
 - iii. **Feb 4 – Art & Expression**
4. Dec 3 Mental Health Committee
 - a. First ever Mental Health Listserv in December! Will have monthly Listservs focused on mental health
 - b. Facebook page has been launched:
 - c. Deciding on logo
 - d. Released survey on Mental Health Accommodation
5. Dec 4 Legislative Assembly

David Benrimoh – Senate Caucus Rep

Seeing as I have just finished my internal medicine rotation, which entails 15 hour days at the hospital while studying for a massive exam, I have not had the time over the "break" to work extensively on council matter. That being said I have accomplished the following:



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1. MSS/ Medical Government Affairs Committee- I helped a student get ready to start writing a position paper on MSM blood donations
2. MSS/MDSA I worked with Med-P in drafting letters making recommendations to change the structure of their program.
3. I have thought about several council/senate affairs, such as the withdrawal policy in Senate.

Émilie Boutin – Education Rep

- Working on Charity week: Feb 9th to 13th (Thrift shop clothing exchange, bake sales, etc)
- Planning Grad Ball: date/cost/info is being released this week
- Spent all day Saturday at a Winter Retreat where we discussed how we can improve as a faculty for the upcoming semester
- Made classroom announcements discussing EdUS and what we do as a faculty as elections for next year are coming up

Christie Li – Science Rep

December 4, 2014 –January 12, 2015 Unfortunately, there was a lot that happened because I was away on vacation.

General

December 3, 2014-SUS General Council

- I was unable to attend the SUS general meeting, because I was away on holiday
- The three SSMU reps delivered a brief report of issues discussed in the previous SSMU council

December 4th, 2014– SSMU Legislative Council

6. I attended the SSMU Legislative Council

January 7th , 2015- SUS General Council

1. I was unable to attend the SUS general meeting, because I was away on



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holidays

Committee

- Nominating Committee- we met and examined the resumes of CEO and CFO applicants and selected candidates
- There will be one meeting this week for more details regarding the situation

Office Hours for Fall Term

- To be assigned

Ongoing

- January 15, 2014: SSMU Legislative Council SUS General Council
- January 21, 2014: SUS General Council
- The three Science SSMU representatives will have a meeting to discuss some ideas for the new semester

Lola Baraldi – Arts Rep

AUS

- Committees: Arts Community Engagement and Ethical Business Practices meeting times TBD
- Office Hours TBD post add-drop
- Faculty of Arts council meeting Jan 27th
- Upcoming meetings and collaborations: ECOLE, Divest McGill, Concordia, OSD
- Work Your BA is underway! Check it out here - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1630248703872277/>
- Ottawa Career Networking trip in collaboration with CaPS & PGSS Jan 21-23
- Seeds of change crowd-funding in collaboration with SEDE in the works

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- SSPN: SQ
- External Affairs: SQ

Niall Carolan – Business Rep

The only thing to report since returning from winter break is the MUS executive board meeting that took place on December 11th. The meeting was brief and we were updated on each of the attending VP and BoD portfolios.



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