Councillor Reports - February 12, 2015

Vincent-Pierre Fullerton – Law Rep

General Information

LSA Council was postponed due to many other meetings happenings simultaneously at the Faculty of Law. A major curricular reform is underway many student consultations are taking place.

By-Law Review

I am looking forward to meeting the new by-law review commissioners.

Rachel Weaver - Services Rep

I've been reaching out to services this semester in order to increase my contacts among the services and my visibility/availability. I'm looking for new ways to interact with my constituents and to get their feedback.

Accountability Committee: We are currently working on sending out surveys to various faculties and student groups and making them accessible online. I am looking to connect a subset of services with the survey, in order to get the services' input.

Services Review Committee: Right now, we are trying to arrange a meeting time that works for the rest of the semester. In the past, we have had problems with keeping quorum, but I hope to have something figured out by the end of this week.

Zacheriah Houston – Science Rep

Faculty

Feb 2nd – SUS Executive Committee

• SQ, discussed agenda for upcoming General Council

SUS Office Hours (M 13:30-15:00)

• SQ

Feb 5th – Meet the SUS Event

 Casual meet-up at Gerts, where constituents and prospective candidates could come meet the SUS Executives and SSMU Representatives



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• I talked to a few students who were thinking of running for SSMU Representative in the upcoming election

Feb 4th – SUS General Council

- Approved Winter 2015 Budget
- Approved the Motion Regarding the SUS Support of the ECOLE
 - We granted the ECOLE room booking privileges, event promotion via the listserv, and endorsed the event

SUS Constitutional Affairs Committee

- Met with whole committee Jan 27th, Feb 3rd
- Met with Speaker Dziadyk on Jan 28th, Feb 2nd, Feb 7th
- Assigned various By-Laws to different committee members
 - We will be taking the lead on the rewrite of the Constitution
 - Hoping to have most of the changes drafted by the end of the month
- Working on a LaTeX template for By-Laws

SUS Referendum

- Jan 26th Met with CRO to clarify details about Fall Referendum
 Jan 26th Met with McGill Tribune about the issues with the Fall Referendum
- Jan 29th Polling period for Winter 2015 Referendum closed
 - Referendum Q1: Motion to Increase SUS Base Fee
 - Yes: 66.29%, No: 33.71%, Total: 551, Abstain: 20 (3.63%)
 - Referendum Q2: Motion to Introduce Student Space Fee
 - Yes: 68.86%, No: 31.14%, Total: 551, Abstain: 34 (6.17%)

SSMU

SSMU Funding Committee

- Met Jan 27th
- Meeting Feb 3rd cancelled, due to lack of quorum
- Over 100 applications to go through
- Upcoming meeting Feb 10th

SSMU Board of Directions

SQ, Upcoming meeting

Other

Feb 1st - Spoke with McGill Tribune

• Spoke with the Tribune regarding the Motion in Support of QM, which I moved at SUS General Council



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Feb 2nd – Meeting with SUS VP Boytinck, SUS VP Yin-Liao

• Wrote the Motion re Support for the ECOLE, which I moved with VP Yin-Liao

Revision of the FUSS Constitution

• I passed this project off to another Committee member, due to my increasing involvement with the revision of the SUS Constitution

Motion re Winter 2015 SSMU General Assembly (for approval 12 Feb)

- Nadir, an arts student, asked me to move a motion regarding By-Law changes for the General Assembly
- Feb 4th Met Nadir and Councillor Rourke (Senate Caucus)
 - Decided not a good idea to move for any by-law changes at this time
 - Decided to focus on changes to improve the upcoming GA
- Feb 5th Met with Speaker Simmons to clarify stuff re by-laws, feasibility
- Feb 4th to 6th Consultation with various councillors and executives
- Feb 6th Met with Councillor Rourke, submitted motion

Joshua Chin - Medicine Rep

29-Jan-2015

Legislative council meeting (#9)

 Added to agenda: Discussion on direct MESS representation in the SSMU Legislative Council

SSMU Steering Committee

26-jan-2015

Steering committee meeting (#9)

SSMU Accountability Committee SQ

MSS Executive Council

05-Feb-2015

Executive council meeting

- Discussed MSS clubs reform: consult SSMU VP Fong for clubs structure and governance
- Presented SSMU updates most relevant to MSS
 - Tuition increase for French students
 - Tuition deregulation for international students
 - Printemps 2015: Contre l'austérité



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- Discussed timeline on MSS General Assembly versus online referendum for following motions (to be drafted by David Benrimoh and myself):
 - Motion Regarding Opposition to Bill 10
 - Motion Regarding Opposition to Bill 20

MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee SQ

Lexi Michaud - FYC Rep

FYC:

We have completed nearly all preparations for the end of year formal. We are also beginning to collaborate with IRC on a few events. We are planning the selling of roses and distribution for Valentine's Day.

Community Engagement Committee:

We held our last mixer last Wednesday and the other the week prior. They both turned out really well! We had a few problems with the food from La Prep but other than that everything went smoothly. We also would have hoped to reach more students and for more to have participated.

Anikke Rioux - Engineering Rep

FUN FACT: This is my longest report ever.

<u>EUS</u>

- We have council coming up on Feb 9th. We have presentations by SEAM and Frosh/E week. Motions coming up are the ratification of design team fund distribution, the ratification od clubs fund distribution and the ratification of DRO.
- Last council was on January 26th. We had a presentation by our NCWIE delegation. The executives also did their midterm reports. It also happened to be the infamous 'budget council'.
- Techweek happened from January 26th- 30th. Every day at lunch time, there was two professors presenting their research (there was free lunch). There was 2 product demonstrations. There was a consulting panel (free food again!) on Monday. There was an entrepreneurship roundtable organized by EWB (free food again) on Tuesday. On Wednesday, there was a speed networking event with food of course. On Thursday, there was a graduate studies seminar (organized by POWE), the John D. Thompson entrepreneurial development seminar and a workshop with Real Venture about 'Why recruiters aren't interested in you.' On Friday, there was the McGill Dobson Cup start-up boot camp and a panel discussion organized by SEAM.
- Techfair happened on February 5th at New Rez.

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- The candidates for the EUS elections have been announced. There are three people running for president!!! SO EXCITING!
- On February 23rd, the EUS equity committee will be hosting a forum on accessibility and universal design in engineering (from 12:30-2:00 in MacDonald 267).

Funding

- On January 27th, we went over 19 applications. We also went over two revisions of 2nd installment.
- On February 3rd, CANCELLED due to lack of quorum.
- Meeting on Feb 10th

Club Hub

- On January 27th, I ended up staying for the club hub committee because Stefan was very persuasive.
- Stefan introduced the committee to issues that are common to clubs and talked briefly about the main ideas involved for the Club Hub.

<u>IGC</u>

- On January 28th, we went over 2 interim status applications: McGill Finance Research & Trading Club and McGill Students for Projects Abroad. Both of these applications were rejected. There was one full status application which was given an extension of interim status by 2 months. There were 3 constitutional amendments (Syrian Student Association, Volunteers for a Smile, Beyond Me).
- On February 4th, there was one interim status application. It was the Romanian Students Society. They were approved with a score of 26/30. There were 5 full status application: McGill Students' Chapter of Canadian Liver Foundation (Tabled- more info needed), McGill Chapter of War Child (Rejected 22/30), Jam for Justice (Approved 29/30 → HIGHEST SCORE FOR FULL STATUS!), Volunteers for a Smile (Rejected 22/30) and Unofficial McGill Students Guide. There were also 2 constitutional amendments.
- Meeting on Feb 11th

<u>Steering</u>

- Meeting on Jan 26th, did steering things...
- Meeting on Feb 9th!

Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie - Arts Rep

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- Building Committee: Tasked with finding legitimate couch cleaning companies for the SSMU lounge
- Library Improvement Fund Committee: Created LIF proposal template that will be sent out next week
- External Affairs: joined committee this month. Heading to Quebec City for Anti- Austerity summit as McGill delegate along with VP External, Councillor Benrimoh and Councillor Baraldi
- Club Hub Committee: first meeting last week. Outlined purpose of club and handed out tasks (I deftly avoided taking on any real work) AUS
- 1. Committee for Student Affairs: Meeting this Tuesday. Can provide oral report upon request
- 2. Council: AUS App launching February 16. Patricia, administrative assistant, has been hired to replace VP Internal. Added Computer Science Department (and council representative) to Arts Undergraduate Society (it's an inter-faculty department with the SUS). Passed several minor motions pertaining to individual departments (think: election bylaws etc). Senate Subcommittee for the Office for Students with Disabilities: SQ Misc. Pizza and Beer (or non-alcoholic beverages!) at Gerts: due to our inability to acquire a room for a wine and cheese, we'll be having a Gerts night before the GA

Chloe Rourke – Senate Rep

Senate

- Jan 26th CSS
 - Met with Jana Luker (Executive Director of Student Services) and Co-Chair of Committee on Student Services to discuss follow-ups from past CSS meeting including moving forward with the Innovation Fund
- Jan 27th Caucus
 - Excused absence due to conflict with other commitment
- Jan 30th, Feb 6th Know Your Rights Campaign Meeting
 - Made list of suggestions for the University Assessment Policy to be discussed at ESAC (meeting Feb 10th)
 - Continue work on website content
- Feb 2nd Caucus
 - Discussed questions to be asked at next Senate meeting and recent changes to OSD services being provided
 - One question was submitted regarding a pan-university strategy towards
 Mental Health



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- Met with Mental Health Working Group to discuss goals for the year, one is to develop how to guides for seeking accommodation
- Feb 4th Mental Health Service Advisory Board
 - Discussed ongoing problems with wait times especially to see a therapist and different ways of addressing this issue
- Feb 4th Mental Health Report
 - Meeting with Jana Luker to see full Mental Health Working Group Report
- Student Grievances SQ
- Counselling & Tutoring Committees
 - contacted secretary to ask when the next meeting is (haven't heard from them all year)

Faculty (Arts & Science)

- 3. Jan 27 Arts & Science Assembly
 - a. Absent due to conflict with other commitment
 - b. Emailed out report to members of Assembly
- 4. Office Hours: To be determined for this semester, currently available by appointment (artscisenator@ssmu.mcgill.ca)

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- 5. Jan 27, Feb 3 Community Engagement Committee
 - a. Both community engagement mixers (on Jan 28 & Feb 4) were a success!
- 6. Jan 29 Legislative Assembly
- 7. Jan 23, Feb 6 Mental Health Committee
 - a. Unexcused absence for Jan 23rd meeting send an appology email to committee chair and read minutes
 - Discussed future steps including collaborating with Senators on mental health working group to develop how to guides and to identify University policies/practices that can be harmful to mental health
- 8. Feb 4 Informal meeting with constituent
 - **a.** Consulted motion to bring to council regarding GA accessibility, agreed to be a mover

Can be contacted at artscisenator@ssmu.mcgill.ca

Omar El-Sharawy - Science Rep

SUS

- Sadly couldn't attend executive meeting due to personal health
- Attended General Council
- Organized and Attended a "Meet the SUS representative and info session" event to help potential incoming members who are interested in executive positions for next year learn more about their responsibilities



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- Attended Office Hours SSMU
- Nothing to report

Eddie Lin – Arts Rep

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Operations Management Committee: SQ

AUS

Went to SSA Council as part of the departmental tour

Council

Motion to Adopt Revised CSA Constitution **Passed**Motion Regarding Ratification of CSUS as a Departmental Association **Passed**

<u>Curriculum Committee</u>: SQ

International Student Affairs Committee: SQ

Chris Kavallos – Education Rep

*First order of Business

- The availability of SSMU position has been posted up on our list serve – no one has yet to contact EdUS for the position. It is looking like I will be taking the position for the reminder of the school year.

EdUS in the last Two Weeks

- TESL students participated in SPEAQ workshops on organized and ran by students on campus on February 7th, 2015, which was a huge success. Highest attendance in the last 17 years with a little over 300 people who partook in the event.
- Solidarity Month is up and running. Charity committee has been working nonstop with the aim being to provide support, information and ultimately raise awareness for various learning disabilities throughout the month.
- Faculty Olympics is quickly coming together and are looking to fill the 60-person quota by the end of the week.
- Election Period have been motioned in and approved. The nomination period will start on February 9th, 2015. The end of the election is set at March 14th, 2015.

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Christie Li - Science Rep

I was able to attend all SSMU-related meeting as well as SUS-related meetings

General

January 29, 2015-SSMU Legislative Council

- I attended SSMU Legislative Council
- Issues discussed include:"
 - 9. 1. Government austerity financing and budgeting issues
 - 10.2. Presentation by provost Antony Masi on plans of the university
 - 11.3. Discussion of academic issue
 - 12.4. Presentation from representative of FEUQ- La Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec
 - 13.5. Survey about faculty Olympics

February 2, 2015-SUS Executive Meeting

1. I attended SUS Executive Meeting

February 4, 2015-SUS General Council

- I attended SUS General Council
- Did a report of some issues discussed at SSMU and introduced upcoming "Meet the SUS Representative/Executive" event the general council
- Initiated by SSMU Representative El-Sharawy, we are currently planning a "Meet the Representative" event with the other SSMU Representatives as a way to engage our constituents in the workings of their student government being both the SUS and SSMU. This event is intended as a way to hit two birds with one stone in the sense that it will be an opportunity for incoming candidates for the upcoming SUS elections to meet us and acquaint with the responsibilities and undertakings of a SSMU representative.
- Tentative date was decided on Thursday, February 5th from 7:00pm -8:30pm at Gertrude's Bar

February 5, 2015-SUS General Council

I attended SUS "Meet the Representatives/Executives Night" organized by us SSMU representatives. I talked to many candidates running for the upcoming SUS elections. It was a great opportunity to hear what these candidates have envisioned for our student council. I am very excited for this upcoming election season!

Committee Engagement

Nominating Committee: meeting times are to be determined



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Service Review Committee: meeting times are to be determined

January 29, 2015-Office Hours

Status quo-Thursdays from 9:30-11:30

Yasmine Nadifi - PTOT Rep

On January 30th, I attended POTUS' charity event. All the funds were donated to an organism helping persons with autisma and their caregivers.

POTUS is organizing an Occupational Balance month throughout February to sensitize students on the importance of having a good balance between school and leisure activities. To start off the month well, on Tuesday, February 3rd, I placed some motivational cards on each student's desk in my class. Students have reported that they enjoyed their messages and appreciated the idea. Everything has been prepared for the different activities planned, I finished the preparations by booking the equipment for the yoga and zumba events.

Rebecca Medvedev - Nursing Rep

- Attended NUS council meeting on January 30th, 2015.
- Held my weekly office hours on Fridays from 11:30-12:30pm in the NUS office.

Scott Conrad – Engineering Rep

- J'ai discuté avec 4 membres différents sur les tâches et les responsabilités d'être le représentant à l'AÉUM pour l'AÉÉG durant mes heures de bureau.
- Je planifie me présenter aux débats des candidats nominés pour les positions de l'AÉÉG ce mercredi afin de poser des questions et de faire peur aux candidats mal qualifiés.
- Le comité Club Hub s'est rencontré pour la première fois pour une rencontre introductive. VP Fong nous a presenté ses plans pour améliorer le système informatique des clubs.
- Notre révision du budget a été longue; on a fini par tout accepter. Aucun changement grave depuis le début de l'année.
- L'aréna : S.V.P. laissez vos membres savoirs que l'aréna est réservée aux patineurs SEULEMENT entre les heures de 12h et 13h30.

Taras Klitovchenko – Dentistry Rep

Jan 31-Feb1: E-mailing potential sponsors for the dentistry graduate banquet

Feb 6: Reaching out to second year students in pre-clinical labs

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Niall Carolan – Management Rep

MUS board of directors meeting was cancelled this month because we did not make quorum. The funding deadline is approaching, so we will be very busy at the funding committee this Tuesday trying to process every application. Elections went very well and our new president and incoming board were announced at 4à7 last Thursday.

David Benrimoh – Senate Caucus Rep

MSS: Working with our SSMU rep to draft stances to austerity and bills 10/and 20. Went to general council.

Senate: Working with mental health working group on medical notes and harmonisation of student outcomes. To meet with Dean Costopoulos.

Attended mental health services advisory board meeting.

Mental health committee: working on how to guides and website partnership.

Accountability: survey of councillors to be sent out soon.

Alexander Kpeglo-Hennessy – Arts Rep

AUS

- -Organizing a speaker panel with Public Servants from Ottawa
- -The AUS is launching an app on Feb. 16th
- -CSUS is now an AUS departmental association
- -AIO fee coming to this referendum period
- -AUS working on a Space Project
- -FAC: SQ
- -CSA: Meeting on Tuesday

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- -By-Law Review: SQ
- -Student Engagement: SQ

Romeo Bidar - Social Work Rep

- I worked on first SWSA meeting in 2015 and it took place on Jan 29
- Participated at social work department town hall on Feb 4
- I am attending the equity committee on Feb 18th to start my involvement officially

Deven Sanon - Management Rep



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- MUS board of directors meeting was supposed to be held this past Sunday, however, not enough people could make it + the weather was bad + no quorum, so the meeting was cancelled
- Fashion Business Uncovered conference went very well, as did the Entertainment Management Conference
- MUS Elections period for the President and Board of Directors has ended. I am
 going to be the Management Senator next year (p.s. fun fact: I had the most
 votes out of any candidate for any position!)
 Elections results were as follows:

Mackenzie Chisholm is U1 Representative with 34 votes!

Alexandre Perron is U2 Representative with 115 votes!

Meagan Prins is U3 Representative with 202 votes!

Lucas Francioli and Rayyan Pervez are the Representatives to SSMU with 309 votes each!

Deven Sanon is Management Senator with 386 votes!

AND FINALLY, *DRUMROLL PLEASE*,

ÉLIE LUBENDO IS MUS PRESIDENT WITH 346 VOTES!

The nomination package for MUS vice president positions is now open for about a week. Please contact your ssmu councilor or go the MUS facebook page/website to learn more.

Laureanne Pelletier – Residences Rep

- IRC meetings
 - Discussed upcoming Mardi Gras event
 - Potential addition of VP Equity on council
 - Met with students from Molson, discussed potential Breast Cancer Awareness event (Party in Pink)
- Subcommittee Meeting
 - Ordered staff shirts for Mardi Gras
 - Met for organizing formal event at end of semester (before finals)

Lola Baraldi – Arts Rep

AUS

Committees:

Arts Community Engagement – planning embrACE volunteer week March 16-22.
 If you have any events around that time that could fit into the week or any ideas,
 ACE is open to suggestions!

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- Planning collaborations with SSMU Community Engagement Commissioners (Hip-Hop Week), EPIC, MCHAM...
- Ethical Business Practices first meeting this week
- FEARC planning Quebec city carnival trip Feb 14th
- AUSEC meeting on Thursday

Collaborations:

- Healthy McGill tabling at BDA this week, AUS assisting in promotion of the #selfcarechallenge2015
- Bianca Tetrault Bringing in the Bystander campaign AUS will provide support with promotion, outreach and an endorsement from council
- OSD meeting this week
- ECOLE & SUS Equity indigenous speaker panel on Feb 20th on the theme of environmental racism
- DivestMcGill drafting a motion for next AUS council to renew our commitment to divestment
- SEDE neighbourhood voices Seeds of Change crowdfunding campaign to be set in March

Office Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:30 – 2:30

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- External Affairs SQ
- Mobilization Committee SQ
- SSPN working on Faculty Olympics!

Sukhmeet Rohan Sachal - Clubs Rep

I have nothing to report on since the last meeting.

There was no Funding meeting this last week b/c we didn't reach quorum unfortunately.

Kareem Ibrahim – Senate Rep

AUS

Faculty of Arts Council, SQ

SSMU

- Sustainability Committee SQ
- Accountability Committee SQ
- Helping organize Disabilities Awareness Week with the OSD ongoing work
- Developing the UDL (Universal Design for Learning) pilot project applying to the Arts Student Employment Fund for funding, developing the position profile

Senate (docs can be found here http://bit.ly/1v7nhPl)



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- Committee on Student Services SQ
- Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities SQ
- Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA) SQ
- Caucus; submitted 1 question on mental health for this month's Senate OSD question and harmonization of conflict outcomes between faculties question have been postponed
- Senate: see above
 - ECOLE: collective meetings will be happening weekly on Mondays at 6PM!
 - Board of Directors SQ
 - Fee levy referendum is up and coming! AHHHH! YAY!
 - Documenting this year's progress with other members of the collective
 - SEDE; working on the 10th Anniversary Launch meeting with Seeds of Change and our newly hired Events and Programming Coordinator for the launch, Eden Haber, in the coming weeks!
 - QPIRG; Working on CURE (Community-University Research Exchange)
 - SOCIAL JSUTICE DAYS IS HAPPENING TODAY, TOMORROW & SATURDAY!!!
 - https://www.facebook.com/events/803308049761563/?fre f=ts FULL SCHEDULE – do come out!

Saurin Shah - Arts and Sciences Rep

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February 6th – Operations Management Committee

Meeting was canceled

Arts & Science

January 27th – Arts & Science Assembly

- Approved Chief Electoral Officer for BASiC
- Gathered comments and concerns for academic issues discussion at SSMU council
- Updated assembly on by-law changes and Nominating Committee composition changes

January 30th-February 1st – Combining 2 Cultures Conference

- Conference for Arts & Science students across Canada
- Conference was successful, ~100 attendees