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## Councillor Reports – March 12, 2015

### Kareem Ibrahim – Senate Caucus Rep

#### AUS

- i) Faculty of Arts Council – Met this past Tuesday

#### SSMU

- i) Sustainability Committee – SQ
- ii) Accountability Committee – Exec reviews are being presented tonight
  - Helping organize Disabilities Awareness Week with the OSD – ongoing work (woot!)
  - Developing the UDL (Universal Design for Learning) pilot project – applying to the SPF, developing the profile
  - Depending on student interest, course evaluations video slated for this semester

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

- i) Committee on Student Services – Finalized Innovation Fund application, discussions surrounding new regulations for funding for students with disabilities

- ii) Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities; SQ

- iii) Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA); Meeting this week was cancelled again

- iv) Senate; SQ

- **ECOLE** ; Collective meetings will be happening weekly on Mondays at 6PM!
  - Board of Directors – Met today!
  - Fee levy referendum is up and coming! AHHHH! YAY!
  - Documenting this year's progress with other members of the collective
- **SEDE**; Working on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Launch – met with Seeds of Change and our newly hired Events and Programming Coordinator for the launch, Eden Haber, funding campaign to be launched in Sept. with a goal of \$5000
  - Recruiting other students to join the promotion and fundraising effort
- **QPIRG**; Both questions passed! WOOO! 62% each, roughly (PGSS & SSMU)

### Zachariah Houston – Science Rep

Personal



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- Due to reading week, things have been rather slow.
- I will be absent from my SSMU and SUS commitments this week, including Legislative Council on 12 March 2015.

### Faculty

#### **SUS Executive Committee**

- Upcoming on Mon., 9 Mar., agenda TBD

#### **SUS General Council**

1. Upcoming on Wed., 11 Mar., agenda TBD

#### **SUS Constitutional Affairs Committee**

1. Continued to work on by-laws over the reading week
2. Meeting upcoming on Tues., 10 Mar.

### SSMU

#### **SSMU Funding Committee**

- Did not meet the week before reading week due to scheduling conflicts.
- Upcoming meeting TBD

#### **SSMU Board of Directors**

- SQ

### **Rohan Sachal – Clubs Rep**

I hope everyone had a restful reading break and got to spend time with their friends and loved ones.

On Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - I came to the Services Review Committee as they usually don't have enough people for quorum. Unfortunately, only three individuals including me were present and we couldn't pass anything. But it was still great talking with Rachel and Stefan!

Last week, we had no Funding Meeting either as our Funding Coordinator had a midterm on Tuesday. Besides, we have finished all the funding applications and they have been emailed.

Stefan, Rachel and I were discussing about possible bi-weekly meetings for services and clubs representatives to see how we can work together to accomplish some work. More details will be out soon. Time and dates are to be determined.

### **Scott Conrad – Engineering Rep**



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- Semaine « de lecture ». J'ai lu ~~des livres~~ les règles de Robert.
- J'ai créé un questionnaire google afin de recevoir les opinions des élèves par rapport au débat concernant les heures « femmes seulement » au gymnase de McGill.
- J'ai regardé Suits, Big Bang Theory et la fin de la 3<sup>e</sup> saison d'Archer.
- Le comité des vacances s'est rencontré. Nous avons atteint le quorum. Par contre, nous étions trop chargé avec nos heures multiples de sommeil que nous n'avions pas pu rien faire.
- Malgré tout ça, j'ai hâte de promouvoir l'assemblée générale durant les jours à venir!

### **Yasmine Nadifi – PTOT Rep**

Vendredi le 27 mars, j'ai assisté à la réunion du "steering committee". Nous avons étudié les motions amenés pour la prochaine assemblée générale. Cependant, j'ai du quitté plus tôt.

POTUS rentre en période électorale à partir du 09 mars. À cette occasion, j'organise une soirée au Gert's, mercredi le 18 mars, où les étudiants en physiothérapie et ergothérapie pourront rencontrer les membres de l'association étudiante. L'objectif est de permettre aux étudiants de se renseigner sur les différentes positions à remplir.

Mardi le 10 mars est le "Career Fair" de physiothérapie, ergothérapie et orthophonie. Comme je fais partie du comité d'organisation, j'y serais présente.

Je ferais la promotion de l'assemblée générale dans les classes, les courriels et sur les groupes Facebook.

### **Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep**

#### **EUS**

- I had brought up at council a few weeks ago (when we talked about MESS getting a seat on council) that engineering did not actually have 4000 students. Courtney and I briefly talked about the necessity of having a 2<sup>nd</sup> engineering representative, so I did a bit of research on the enrolment of each faculty (you can see for yourself here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/es/registration-statistics> ). The numbers given I am assuming include graduate students. One thing that can be noticed is that if we were to follow the 2000 students/representative rule by rounding down (i.e. for less than 2000 students = 0 representatives), we would have significantly less representatives. Indeed, Arts would only have 3 representatives, Science would have 2 reps, Engineering and Management would have 1, Arts and Science, Dentistry, Law and Religious Studies would not have one. My point the 2000 students/ representative rule should not be in anyway a 'limitation' to MESS getting their own representative.



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- Last council: February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This council was at the same time as the PGSS-SSMU joint council. Therefore, I only stayed to give my report. However, for all interested parties, this is what was discussed:
  - Presentations
    - MESC (McGill Engineering Student Centre) on the use of EUS Funds
    - EUSF
    - EUS 2020: 3 committees (External Affairs, Student Space and Governance) form created last year by the President Carlos Marin in order to bring a long term vision and change the structure. Last year, the committee on Student Space brought a referendum question changing the old fee and increasing it to include money for smaller things like furniture and money for bigger projects. This passed. This year, the Governance committee held a townhall to get more feedback and answer questions. They will most-likely make a referendum question out of it.
    - Frosh/Eweek. Frosh is pretty self-explanatory. E-week is similar to frosh, but is for all engineering students.
  - Motions
    - Ratification of W15 SSF (Student Space Fund) Purchases
    - Allocation of Budget for Faculty Olympics
    - EUS Yearbook
    - CheSS SSF Capital Fund Application: to get a wall installed to block off the Chemical Engineering common room (which is currently really just part of a hallway).
  - Apparently we lost quorum
- New council: March 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Presentations
    - SEAM (Sustainability in Engineering at McGill). Fun fact: they are the ones that put the plants in the McConnell hallway.
    - Departmental Financial Reports
    - McGill Sexual Assault Policy Draft
    - EFC (Equipment Fund)
  - Motions
    - ECC (Engineering Career Centre) Referendum Question
    - EUSF Referendum Question
    - EUS Yearbook
    - ChESS SSF Capital Fund Application
    - Updating club bylaws
    - Updating design team funding committee bylaws

### **Funding**



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- Meeting on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.
- Meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Going over left over applications!

### **IGC**

- I could not go to the meeting on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> because I had a midterm at the same time.
- There will not be a meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>
- All committee members reviewed the *infamous* club survey again to give Kimber and Stefan some last feedback. So I did the club survey on March 9<sup>th</sup>. I swear it exists and it will be sent out soon. WARNING! It is pretty long, but in your club's best interest.

### **Steering**

- Meeting on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Doing steering things.
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: GA Steering. YES. We had our GA Steering meeting on Friday at 4:15.

### **SSMU Daycare**

- Now that we have our third SSMU Representative we can finally have quorum for the general assembly.
- Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>: reviewing financial reports

### **Board of Directors**

- Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>: I will most-likely have to be absent due to a mandatory meeting relating to my education.

## **Nancy Zhang – Music Rep**

MUSA:

-Music Faculty Formal (open to all McGill students!) on Fri, March 13 @7:30pm at Thomson House

Dress to Impress! Ticket info on Facebook

event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/626678334145111/>

Committees: SQ

SSMU:

-attended SSMU & PGSS Joint Summit

-attended Hot Button Issues Forum (discussion of research ethics about contentious topics)



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### **Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy**

SSMU

By-Law Review: SQ  
Student Engagement Committee: Has yet to meet

AUS

I will be moderating a Federal Government Speaker Panel on March 26th in Stewart Bio S1/3. Find more info here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/831007443639341/>.

FAC: Meets Tuesday  
CSA: Meets next week for a special discussion on Mental Health  
Valedictorian/Teaching Awards: Meeting next week

### **Joshua Chin – Med Rep**

#### **SSMU Steering Committee**

##### **23-Feb-2015**

Steering committee meeting (#11)

##### **27-Feb-2015**

GA steering committee meeting (2015 Winter General Assembly)

#### **SSMU Accountability Committee**

##### **24-Feb-2015**

Accountability committee meeting

- Finalization of faculty association survey reports
- Finalization of SSMU executive reviews

#### **SSMU Nominating Committee**

##### **25-Feb-2015**

Nominating committee meeting

- Elections SSMU Chief Executive Officer selection
- Elections SSMU Deputy Electoral Officer selection
- Elections SSMU Elections Coordinator selection



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## **MSS Executive Council**

**07-Mar-2015**

Redaction of press releases for MSS opposition to Bills 10 and 20

## **MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee SQ**

### **General**

**Week of 01-Mar-2015**

Extensive consultation with constituents re: women's-only hours for the McGill Fitness Centre

### **Rachel Weaver – Services Rep**

I have reached out to services regarding some issues that have been brought to light recently in the McGill community.

Accountability Committee: Will be working towards getting the Exec reviews done for the upcoming Council meeting.

Services Review Committee: Hopefully we will have quorum in the very near future and will be able to vote on constitutions.

### **Laureanne Pelletier – IRC Rep**

- IRC meetings
  - Debriefed Mardi Gras event
  - Potential addition of VP Equity on council
  - Began planning Pie day event

### **Eddie Lin – Arts Rep**

Nothing really happened after our meeting. I stayed in Montreal and actually did some readings (and sleeping) during the Reading Week.

### **David Benrimoh – Senate Caucus Rep**

Council: worked with Councillor Chin on consultation re: women's only hours at the Gym.

Senate: helped to work on a draft of the sexual assault policy.

### **Chris Kavallos – Education Rep**



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### EdUS in the last Two Weeks

- This March 12-14 the Education Undergraduate Society (EdUS) will be holding a referendum to renew our existing non opt-outable Career Advisor and Advising Services fee. This fee benefits ALL students in the Faculty of Education including DPEK (Kinesiology & Physical Education students). The fees will remain the same: \$25 per semester for full-time students and \$12.50 per semester for part-time students.
- Things have been quite quiet around EdUS seeing as most of the representatives and executives are on placement.
- Solidarity Month was a big success thanks to our wonderful VP Externals and Charity Committee. Plenty of awareness – like autism and learning disabilities – was brought to the students in our faculty through workshops, the Big Blue Hug, bake and grilled cheese sales.
- Faculty Olympics is just around the corner. We have paid (in-full) for our spot, picked up our t-shirt order and are preparing for the Olympiad!
- Nomination Period has begun as of today March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The nomination period will end on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. and this is where voting period will begin and last until March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.

#### **Rebecca Medvedev – Nursing Rep**

- Attended NUS council meeting on February 27th.
- I am in the process of planning the annual Speed Nursing event and Wine & Cheese for nursing students in conjunction with the Nursing Graduate Student Association and the Nursing Alumni Association. Date and location is finalized to March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Thomson House Basement.
- Winter 2015 NUS Referendum question regarding changes to the NUS constitution concluded on March 6<sup>th</sup>; passed with a majority vote.
- Campaigning and elections information (with the new constitution changes incorporated) for next year's NUS council positions will be sent out soon by the NUS Chief Electoral Officer.

#### **Vincent-Pierre Fullerton – Law Rep**

### **Information générale**





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L'AG de l'AÉUM devant avoir lieu le 15 mars continue d'être publicisée dans les canaux de la faculté de droit.

### **By-Law Review**

I revised the work done by the commissioners. It seems as though they are doing a great job.

I will attend Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>'s meeting, at 6:30 pm. More information to come in next report.

### **Lexi Michaud – FYC Rep**

FYC:

Ticket sales start today for our event. So far really good feedback from other faculties. Have a location and prices for the formal with IRC. Finalizing this project.

### **Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie – Arts Rep**

Absent due to illness; not much to report. For the meetings that were scheduled since last council, I was unable to attend.

SSMU: For those of you who knew, I was running for SSMU VP External. Due to my admission to Ottawa U and McGill's law schools, I have withdrawn my candidacy and will be pursuing law this upcoming school year. I regret any inconvenience this may cause. I believe I was the only candidate for VP External, so the position will have to be filled with the next electoral period

### **Christie Li – Science Rep**

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

### **General**

#### **2. February 12, 2015-Office Hours**

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

#### **February 16 2015-SUS Executive Meeting**

- I attended SUS Executive Meeting

#### **February 18, 2015- SUS General Council**

- I attended SUS General Council



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- I relied the info regarding the SSMU winter GA to the SUS council
- New business discussed:
  - The creation of SUS SURA (Science Undergraduate Award) was approved
- We also sent out the survey for the PGSS joint council meeting Summit to all departmental council for feedback from our constituents

### **February 27, 2015-SSMU Legislative Council**

- I attended SSMU Legislative Council
- Issues discussed:
  - Motion regarding the SSMU Policy on Support for Family Care
  - Motion regarding the Support of QPIRG-McGill's 2015 Referendum
  - Motion Regarding Referral Services Fee Renewal
  - Motion Regarding Interim Provisions for the Board of Directors Elections
- **February 28, 2015- Nominating Committee Meeting**
  - Finalized and selected CEO and DEO candidates as well as approved election coordinators

### **Ongoing**

- Service Review Committee
  - Meeting time to be determined
- SUS Executive Meeting-March 9, 2015
- Office hours-March 12, 2015
- SUS General Council- March 11 2015
- SSMU Legislative Council SUS General Council: March 12, 2015

### **Saurin Shah – Arts and Science Rep**

#### **SSMU**

February 25<sup>th</sup> – Nominating Committee

- Selected CEO, DEO, and Election Coordinator

March 9<sup>th</sup> – By-Law Review Committee

- Looked over revisions to Internal Regulations by By-Law Review Commissioners

#### **Arts & Science**

February 25<sup>th</sup> – Arts & Science Assembly

- Approved modified Electoral Timeline to match constitutional requirements
- Approved referendum question to amend BASiC Constitution to more accurately reflect responsibilities and requirements of executives along with other changes

### **Romeo Bidar – Social Work Rep**

- Participated at SWSA meeting.



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- Working on some material for Social Work School's Equity Committee.  
Brainstorming for an activity night for Social work students

### **Chloe Rourke – Senate Caucus Rep**

Feb 24 + 25 — Met with Equity Commissioner + VP Stewart-Kannigan to discuss OSD funding situation and Senate question further

Feb 25 — Art Sci Assembly • approved referendum question regarding changes to constitution

Feb 25 — Met with Jana Luker, Executive Director of Student Services to further discuss OSD situation + follow ups from CSS

Feb 26 — Academic Policy Committee • Replaced President Ayukawa • Continued discussions on McGill's principles and values

Feb 26 — Legislative Council, presented my Councillor Report

Over the break

Skyped with SSMU's Academic Research Coordinator • Discussed previously requested research to be used in writing of Senate question

Submitted Senate question, Contacted by Tribune re OSD situation • Submitted Senate question with Senator Greenspon and Senator Benrimoh regarding the

Allocation of Government Funding for Students with Disabilities

Contacted by Trib • Responded to questions raised about OSD from my last councillor report

Arranged meeting on March 10 with DPSLL and other co-chair of CSS • Will discuss OSD situation and hiring process for new EDSS