



## Councillor Reports – October 1, 2015

### **Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep**

#### Absences

I am out-of-town from Sept 19 to Oct 18 inclusively for my clerkship rotation. Nevertheless, I am available via e-mail and Skype.

#### SSMU Legislative Council

11-Sep-2015 to 13-Sep-2015

#### Council Retreat

- Excused due to weekend classes (ACLS training)

17-Sep-2015

#### Legislative council meeting (#1)

- Adoption of standing rules
  - o Amendments regarding the treatment of motions requiring 2 or more reading: passage through Steering Committee and no “double-meetings”
- SSMU committee allocations
  - o Accountability Committee
  - o Ad Hoc Internal Regulations Review Committee
- SSMU Board of Directors

#### SSMU Nominating Committee

28-Aug-2015

#### Nominating Committee meeting

- Approval of Elections SSMU candidates

#### SSMU Accountability Committee

No meetings scheduled to date. SQ

#### SSMU Ad Hoc Internal Regulations Review Committee

No meetings scheduled to date. SQ

#### MSS Executive Council

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#### Other Activities

Communications of events and opportunities to constituents:

- SSMU Activities Night
- SSMU Volunteer Fair
- McGill Senate committee openings
- SSMU committee openings
- SSMU funding applications
- Elections SSMU DEO job opening



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### **Lauren Toccalino – Music Rep**

#### Music Senator Elections

MUSA ran elections for the position of Music Senator from Sept 17-25. The campaign period ran from Sept 17-22, with a voting period from Sept 23-25.

**Julie Choi** was the sole candidate to put forth a nomination and was thus uncontested. She been appointed to the position of Music Senator

#### Music Mentorship Program

MUSA has officially launched their mental health program. It is a program wherein nominated students have been given a new student to mentor. They check in once a week for a minimum of 20 minutes.

- UoT and UBC have contacted Schulich to implement similar programs.

#### Schedule

Our schedule is still under revision and awaits confirmation from the council at large. Office hours and official meetings times will be confirmed as of Tuesday, Sept 29.

#### McGill Bookstore Sweaters

MUSA is currently working to have McGill "MUSIC" sweaters available at the McGill bookstore, as they are one of the only faculties without merchandise representation.

### **Chelsea Kingzett – Environment Rep**

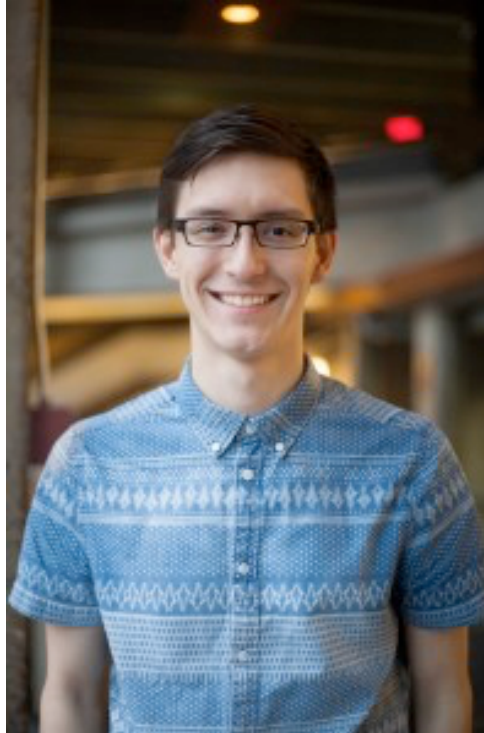
1. Submitted committee allocation form.
2. Wrote and submitted council bio.
3. Informed McGill Environment Students' Society (MESS) about the decisions that were made at the first council meeting.
4. Inquired with MESS Council about incorporating a SSMU Councilor Enviro Rep update section in their weekly listserv. The first listserv will be out shortly.
5. Asked MESS Council if they were comfortable with me moving the Motion of the Adoption of the Climate Change Policy.
6. Put my name down as a mover for the Motion of the Adoption of the Climate Change Policy.



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### Erin Sobat – Senate Caucus Rep



Hi all! I'm Erin, one of the three Senate Caucus Representatives to SSMU Council this year. In my role, I'm primarily responsible for representing the views of Senate Caucus, comprised of the 13 undergraduate student senators with seats on McGill's Senate. As such, my contributions will likely focus on injecting some perspective regarding the nature of SSMU's interactions with the higher administration and the bureaucratic McGill beast. My Council reports will focus on my various committee roles and special projects this year. You can get in touch anytime at [artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca).

#### Senate

- Senate
  - Highest governing at McGill after Board of Governors; 113 members including 21 student representatives
  - First meeting was Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Asked questions regarding McGill's alleged violation of Bill 100, responses to the Truth & Reconciliation Report, & physical accessibility in building renovations (see written responses here: <http://tinyurl.com/nh4sbxm>)
  - Looking to build strong relationships with the new Provost and Associate Provost (Procedures, Policies & Equity)
- Senate Caucus
  - Meets weekly to discuss Senate documents, committee reports & shared projects



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- Upcoming discussions include student assessment policies, Royal Victoria Hospital site & employment equity
- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
  - Met on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Proposals to adjust university transfer credit policy & streamline exchange course approvals
  - Next meeting Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>
- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
  - Met on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Update on possible Fall Reading Break models & new University Student Assessment Policy framework
  - Next meeting Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
  - First meeting Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Discussed Student Services internal unit review, Innovation Fund & priorities for year
  - October meeting date still TBD
- Principal's Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
  - Essentially developing a "mission statement" for the potential acquisition of the Royal Victoria Hospital site, to guide feasibility study committee(s)
  - Will be pushing for broad student consultation on space priorities, in collaboration with student senators & SSMU Executives
- Senior Director of Student Services Search Committee
  - Search was postponed while Student Services undergoes internal review; however, Deputy Provost unilaterally appointed Robyn Wiltshire, Director of DPSLL Office, as new Interim Director starting October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Multiple student associations are extremely concerned; expect more communications on this front
- Dean of Arts Search Committee
  - Met in July & early September to define position profile & begin soliciting applications; looking to have announcement by January 2016
  - Next meeting Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

#### SSMU

- Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
  - Responsible for reviewing proposed new "Internal Regulations" before going to Legislative Council for approval
  - First meeting this Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Nominating Committee
  - Responsible for recommending certain hires to Legislative Council, as outlined in internal regulations
  - Met twice in August to approve shortlist & hires for Elections SSMU & Judicial Board; reported to Legislative Council September 17<sup>th</sup>



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- Next meeting TBD
- “Know Your Rights” Working Group
  - Chairing working group under the University Affairs Committee; emphasis on outreach & promotional efforts around student rights
  - First meeting still TBD (currently establishing membership for the year)
- University Affairs Committee
  - Responsible for overseeing research & advocacy priorities of UA portfolio, including advising on SSMU MoA negotiations
  - First meeting TBD

#### AUS

- Legislative Council
  - Meetings on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Passed motions for renewed traditional territory acknowledgement, revision of first-year committee & Accountability Bylaws
  - Currently running by-election for third Arts Rep to SSMU position
- Memorandum of Agreement Working Group
  - Advising President & VP Finance on MoA negotiations with McGill
  - Currently a proposal is on the table to allow SNAX to sell sandwiches; negotiations will focus on reducing trade-offs (e.g. price controls)
- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
  - Working with AUS President to bring in more consistent HR policies around hiring & stipends
  - First meeting TBD
- Other Projects
  - Assisting KANATA in creating Indigenous Studies Students' Associations
  - Advising on review of departmental constitutions & new departmental GA procedures
  - Will contribute to discussions around VP Finance selection & training

#### BASiC

- Arts & Science Assembly
  - Due to elections structure there is no Arts & Science Senator this year; Arts Senators & Science Senator jointly responsible for representation
  - Will be attending Arts & Science Assembly with Science Senator on September 29<sup>th</sup>; rotating schedule thereafter
  - Received Academic Research Commissioner report on interdisciplinary programs across Canada
  - Looking af funding improvements for Arts Sci administrative & teaching resources; hope to discuss with Provost soon

#### Faculty of Arts

- Faculty of Arts Meetings



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- First meeting this Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Expect to focus on space updates & budgetary situation of Faculty
- Curriculum Committee
  - Reviews proposals for new or revised programs & courses in the Faculty
  - September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting cancelled; first meeting now October 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking to bring forward new Masters program proposal from the Institute for the Public Life of Arts & Ideas (IPLAI)
- Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
  - Responsible for advising Head of McLennan-Redpath Library on policies around collections, services & user needs
  - First meeting Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Sean Taylor – Science Rep**

SUS is holding its GC on Wednesday, September 30 and will be looking to pass its budget for the 2015-2016 year. Representatives have been assigned office hours and mine are Tuesdays from 1pm to 2pm in the SUS office. SUS is working on finding a third representative for science, but cannot be elected until we have selected our CRO, which we are in the process of doing.

I will be attending the ECOLE Collective Meeting on Tuesday, September 29th and begin regularly attending their meetings.

In other news, MSERT held recruitment this past week, with the second stage being all day Saturday and Sunday in the SSMU building, so if you heard strange noises or saw people in various stages of distress during the course of the weekend, that is the reason.

### **Malcolm McClintock – Engineering Rep**

The Engineering Undergraduate Society Council just had their council retreat at Auberge des Joies Fleuries, wherein the first official Council Meeting was held. The ratification of all committee chairs was passed, amendments regarding our VP Finance's involvement on SSF, Clubs, and Design Teams was passed, amendments regarding the EPTS missions statement was passed, in addition to the creation of the position of External Relations Director, who will be working directly with our VP External on National and International Engineering events. EUS Meetings will hereafter be held on Wednesday's at 7pm beginning October 7th.

Providing Opportunities for Women in Engineering is motivating students to submit essays to the inter-collegiate Stilettoes to Steel Toes Competition regarding their goals for the future improvement of technology. McGill Engineers Run the World (MERTW), one of the larger inter-departmental events is occurring this Thursday. Students are still working towards the improvement of McConnell Engineering Building space. Infosys received a new paint job and new furniture, and the Conference Room is currently on it's way to a similar goal.

The Student Space Fund is now open for all Engineering students to apply to improve their environment.



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### **Adam Templer – Arts Rep**

#### Activities

- AUS Council
  - Amended Accountability Bylaws
    - Created accountability committee
    - Created position of AUS Secretary General to liaise between the committee and executive to ensure accountability of the executive
  - Amended FEARC Bylaws
    - Goal of amendments to increase cooperation between FEARC and AUS and provide opportunities for FEARC Executives to learn from AUS counterparts
  - Created Ad-Hoc Career Coordination Committee
    - Committee organized to streamline career oriented events
      - Responsible for: AUS Grad Fair, AUS Work Your B.A., Arts Alumni Mixer
    - Major goal is to retain institutional memory through the committee for planning each event as compared to previous years where such events were organized by different teams/portfolios
    - Approved payment of stipend positions
- Representation
  - Set new office hours:
    - Monday 12:30-1:30
    - Wednesday 10:30-11:30
    - Thursday 12:00-1:00
  - Discussed ways to reach out to students regarding upcoming issues at the SSMU
- Drafted proposal for an anonymous online message system for AUS constituents to contact their representatives

#### Committees

- Faculty of Arts Committee – AUS
  - Meeting on Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Steering Committee – SSMU
  - Met Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Internal Regulations/Bylaw Review Committee – SSMU
  - Meeting on Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Valérie Olivier – Law Rep**

As councilor for the Law Faculty, my committees' activities have not yet commenced. As such, I have no activities to report to the SSMU. As vice-president external for the Law Faculty, I have been organizing the CADED symposium that will take place at McGill this year. The symposium regroups all civil law faculties from Quebec and Ontario as



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well as specialists and professors from the legal domain. This is the Faculty's first year hosting the event and we hope it will be a great success.

### **Justin Bains – Science Rep**

#### **SUS General Council:**

- Biweekly
- Our first council was Sept. 16, and our next is Sept. 30 (report from Sept. 30 GC will be included in next report, as deadline for report is before Wednesday council)
- First council was relatively short.
- Science budget will be seen on Sept. 30 Council, notice of motion presented in first council meeting.
- Notice of motion presented for approval of terms of reference.

#### **Other:**

- Office hours have been assigned (Friday: 12 – 1 pm – SUS Office)
- I have applied for SEC (Science Event Planning Committee) under the Internal portfolio. This is a new committee under Science this year, replacing the old Science Games committee. It is in charge of all Science related social events, to promote inclusivity throughout the faculty; waiting to hear decisions on committee members.
- SUS will be going on retreat this coming weekend (Oct. 2 – 4), sadly SSMU reps not invited ☹️
- If you have further questions, or would like more information on anything that I have mentioned, please email me at: [sciencerep1@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:sciencerep1@ssmu.mcgill.ca) with questions or attend my office hours mentioned above.

### **Lexi Michaud – Arts Rep**

#### **New Business**

- As all of you know, a by-election is being run to fill the third arts representative position
- We have been answering questions about the position to those interested which we are excited about and the polls have now been closed with 2 people running for the position
- I attended AUS executive committee retreat which was helpful both in getting to know each other better as well as discussing projects for the year and learning more about the structure of AUS and its functions
- My office hours have now been determined:
  - Lexi's office hours:
    - Monday 4-5pm
    - Thursday 1-2pm

#### **AUS Council**





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- Hudson Meadwell, Interim Dean of Arts, came to speak which was very informative including information about a new smart, interactive classroom being created as well as 13-14 new faculty members to be hired across the faculty of arts
- There was also a final frosh report as well as a report about frosh by the Equity Commissioners

### **Committees**

- Committee allocations were completed these past two weeks
- Related to AUS, I am seated on the Committee on Student Affairs, the Accountability Committee and the Constitutional Bylaws Review Committee
- Related to SSMU, I am seated on the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee, the Awards of Distinction, the Equity Committee, the External Affairs Committee, and I am the Daycare Representative
- Up to date only the Nominating Committee has met in order to select the CEO and DEO for the 2015-2016 year, but the other committees will begin meeting shortly

### **Current Work**

- Continuing planning for personal initiatives
- Continuing communications with AUS Departments
- Communicating with Equity Committee and other Equity groups on campus about cooperation over a possible campaign
- Working on archiving documents related to FYC from now on as well as a few other changes to the structure of the service

### **Catherine McDougall – Engineering Rep**

#### **New Business**

- The new Climate Change Policy was discussed during council and we are hoping to push it back in order for more time to discuss and adequately prepare.

#### **EUS Council**

- The council had its retreat this past weekend and the very first council meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> during the retreat.
- There have been many successful events for the EUS already, including multiple industry tours.
- The speaker, clubs representative and various policy changes were adopted at the first council meeting.

#### **Committees**

- SSPN council has been decided and their first meeting is coming soon.
- Athletic council has yet to contact me and no more information has been given. I will follow up.



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### **Current Work**

- Continuing planning for personal initiatives.
- Continuing communications with EUS Departments.
- Communicating the recent motion for the Climate Change policy that drastically affects engineers.
- Discussing different ideas and suggestions for the motion.
- Accumulating a variety of data from the engineers.

### **Lucas Francioli – Management Rep**

#### Clubs and Activities night - 15.09.15

- Tabling of all MUS clubs and committees
- This year, every club and committee needs to open a spot for a first year

#### MUS Board of Directors first meeting - 20.09.15

- Discussion of five year plan first started in 2011
- Great communications improvement in all aspects of the MUS
- Applications sent in for the U0 and U1 first year reps and Ombudsperson. End of elections Thursday, October 1st at 5pm.

#### First Year Involvement Team (FIT) - 24.09.15

- Selection of the FIT team, which is the MUS junior council
- This year, almost 25% of the entering class applied for the first year involvement team
- 20 students were selected to represent their first year peers and inform them about MUS and university broad events

### **Jenujah Vadivel – PTOT Rep**

#### First POTUS meeting (September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015):

- Introduced all the new representatives, including the U1 PT and OT representatives and QY representatives
- Met the David Benrimoh, the senator representing PTOT, Medicine and SLP
- Recapped on Frosh and other POTUS events like Graffiti Party, Corn Roast and QY wine and cheese

#### Annual Sitting Volleyball (date TBD):

- PTOT every year hosts a sitting volleyball tournament during Community Engagement Day.
- Due to some miscommunication, we were not able to book the event on time for CED
- The event will still take place but date is TBD.
- Open to all faculties!! Invite your friends!!



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- Will hopefully take place during the second or third week of October

### **Becky Goldberg – Arts Rep**

- **AUS Committees:**
  - Arts Council has just done committee allocations. We added two new committees this year: the Career Coordination Committee and the Accountability Committee.
  - The Career Coordination Committee will spearhead events like Grad Fair and Work your B.A.
  - The Accountability committee is part of a motion to amend our accountability by-laws, which are designed to hold executives, and more specifically executives on work-study to the hours they claim to be working.
  - Arts Community Engagement Committee has started with projects such as a coffee house in conjunction with SSMU's Mental Health Awareness Week, a social justice comedy night, and various sustainability initiatives.
  - We have amended the structure of FEARC to streamline operations and pair each FEARC exec with an AUS exec.
  - Jacob and I will be sitting on the McGill Alumni – Student Engagement Committee, which starts Wednesday, the thirtieth.
  - The Academic Affairs committee should be formed by early October to spearhead projects such as grade transparency, surveying, and networking.
  - We are trying to use committees as a good opportunity for some interaction between the portfolios.
- **Summary of AUS Council:**
  - We had the Interim Dean of Arts, Hudson Meadwell, join us at our last council. He updated us faculty affairs, new operations, and welcomed us as the new Arts Council.
  - We had a Frosh report, in which we heard of the many success of AUS with frosh this year. Among them were selling out (we might actually break even!) and huge success with harm reductive training approaches; our Equity commissioners also presented to review some of their strategies in approaching Frosh, though there were still points of confusion in their roles that need to be sorted in upcoming years Overall, though, it seems like this is the most notable year in an overall culture shift that's happening in Frosh.
  - Most of the execs are in the process of hiring for new positions right now, such as Communications with Prof Talks coordinators, myself and Jacob with Work Your B.A. Coords (to join the Career Coordination Committee) and others. As well, we approved stipended positions that have been hired thus far, such as Frosh Coords.



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- Motions:
  - As I explained above, we motioned to amend the AUS accountability bylaws. Created new last year, the bylaws were not successful in achieving their mandate. Our amendments provide for the creation of a committee designed to review time sheets.
  - As well, the motion calls for the creation of a new Secretary General, to oversee all of our HR operations. Not only will they sit on the accountability committee, but they will review some structural challenges in AUS hiring.

### **Matthew Satterthwaite – Arts & Science Rep**

"On Tuesday September 29th, I will be attending the bi-weekly Arts and Science assembly, and will be bringing the LC agenda and motions in order to discuss them with the BASiC, SACS, SASSS and MESSS representatives. I also hope to attend the respective SACS and SASSS councils, in order to consult a larger number of students.

Last week, I attended the Cognitive Science breakfast, where I got the chance to discuss SSMU/my position with a number of students. It was a very relaxing and pleasant event!

Over the next few weeks, I will be consulting Arts and Science students about the ways they would like to hear from me and about my voting decisions at LC. I am thinking of creating a Facebook page for my position, where I would be posting the LC agenda/motions, with short blurbs about each motion and which way I am thinking of voting. I hope to be able to gather comments from and have discussions with my constituents through this forum in order to help guide my voting decisions."

### **Michael Colatruglio – Education Rep**

#### **SSMU**

- Consulted EdUS council on upcoming motions regarding CKUT fee, Safety network fee, Yearbook fee, Intl student network fee.
- Advertised the Solidarity with Teachers event hosted by VP External to the Education Faculty.

#### **EdUS**

- Office hours from 1-2 pm on Friday.
- Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> EdUS council met.