



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS)

October 13th, 2016

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BUILDING AFFAIRS

- Performed a comprehensive building sweep with Ryan through every room, nook & cranny of the building (done 4x/year to look for damage, unsafe space usage, or other issues that need to be addressed)
- Deal with Engineering design teams continues to be finalized, scheduled to be completed by the end of the week
- Working on finding a better space for the Savoy Society → Elaine and I have been moderating a discussion between both groups to try and see if an arrangement could be made
- I have (finally) figured out the club locker dilemma with Wallace

STUDENT-RUN CAFÉ

- This past week we held a staff dinner. At this meeting, we discussed a number of issues, including the rebranding and a reveal of the new logos, and I answered questions and addressed concerns that the staff had regarding the operation & SSMU as a whole
- Mac Campus Vegetables:
 - Spoke with Caroline Begg on Wednesday regarding a proposal to use produce from the Mac Campus farms for the Student-Run Café.
 - Initially, when I looked into the feasibility of this over the summer, the quote I received was too high to fit within our profitability margins. At the Vision 2020 action team meeting two weeks ago, I explained my situation to Professor Begg, who volunteered to help find a solution to this issue



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- Simona (SRC Kitchen Manager), Madi (SRC student manager), and myself will be visiting the Macdonald campus farm in the coming weeks to see their farm, meet their student staff, and talk about our inventory to figure out if they have the capability to meet our demand, at least in some capacity

SUSTAINABILITY

- **How-to get involved in Sustainability infographic:**
 - Anya (SSMU Environment Commissioner), Toby (MOoS), members from the environment committee and myself spent 1 hr mapping out all the ways a student could get involved in the sustainability community. We structured it as follows:
 - “Connect” → join an active student group
 - “Create” → Resources + funding to get your project off the ground
 - “Learn” → Courses + Applied Student Research to enhance your understanding
 - This will be a two-step campaign:
 - 1. Posters & ppt slides across media on campus
 - 2. Link to a website that has a more comprehensive, interactive website
- **SSMU garden project:**
 - I am currently adding the final touches to the application, specifically finishing the editing of the one-page summary of the modifications following suggestions from the review committee. These should be finalized over the weekend to be submitted by Monday
 - Next week, I'll be meeting with volunteers from the Environment committee to start coordinating the information gathering task (reaching out to various community garden projects on campus to learn gardening practices and figuring out what crops to grow and the skills required to grow them)

PROJECTS

- **Indigenous Art Project:**
 - Met with Paige Isaac (First People's House) and Christian Quequish (SSMU Indigenous Affairs Coordinator) on Friday October 7th. We set a timeline for this project as follows:
 - Next two weeks = recruitment of indigenous students for a vetting and selection committee (email myself at operations@ssmu.mcgill.ca and Paige paige.isaac@mcgill.ca if you're interested / know an indigenous student who would be interested in participating)
 - **Reminder:** this committee will be responsible for helping to foster relations with Indigenous art production companies and for making the final decisions as which works will and will not be accepted
 - First committee meeting = October 21st
 - November = Recruitment of artwork
 - December = final selection of works
 - January = Project launch date
 - Primary locations include: student lounge, , 2nd floor cafeteria & Stairwell



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- **Long-term building planning:**
 - An important meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Hopefully, if all goes well, we'll be able to explore additional space options in the short-term & long-term.

SACHA'S CORNER

Which decade is this?



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sacha M.'.

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