

# REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

# DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016

### **CLUBS**

- With the help of the Vice-President (Operations), I attended the Building and Operations Management Committee on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to advocate for a club storage idea. A proposal for more club lockers and for club cubbies (note: clubbies) was approved! See the Building and Operations Management Committee Report to Council for more information.
- Registration for Winter Activities Night is now open! Groups can register to table up until December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM. Activities Night will be taking place on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- I've been working with our Security Manager this week to discuss different ways to steer the Activities Night line given the construction and given the cold weather. We met on Tuesday, November 29th and met with Kevin Byers from McGill Security and with a representative from the Fire Prevention Office on December 1st.
- Met with the Kitchen Manager on December 1<sup>st</sup> regarding potential catering for Winter Activities Night.
- The Club Workshop Handbook is nearly complete thanks to the help of the Club Commissioner and of the Graphic Designer! The Club Auditor also took a look at it and submitted some additional content to include regarding submitting club audits. I gave the Graphic Designer another week to complete the additions to the handbook; it will be sent out the week of December 5th
- The SSMU is looking for a new Club Website Designer! If you or anyone you know is interested in applying, please direct them to this link.
- See Club Committee Report to Council to see what the Club Committee has been up to!



#### **SSMU SERVICES**

- Been working with a representative from Queer McGill to orchestrate their Queer McGill Pink Cherry order. We met on November 25<sup>th</sup> and again on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to maintain confidentiality on the order form while going off little information from our predecessors, but we've been able to come up with a solution.
- General administrative work for SSMU Services; placing and paying for large orders, answering questions in office hours, etc.
- See Services Review Committee Report to Council for information regarding Services Review.

#### INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

- Met with the Vice-President (Operations) and with the General Manager on November 25<sup>th</sup> regarding Independent Student Group status, ISGs that are tenants in the building, and our questions regarding next steps to complete their transitions into ISG status.
- CKUT's Annual General Meeting was held on November 30<sup>th</sup>; I was approved to be on the Board of Directors. We also took a look at the financial statements for FY 2016, approved reports from various committees including the Collective Management Review Committee.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH**

- SSMU Mental Health held its movie night on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Attendance was, unfortunately, low, but those who came seemed pleased with the showing, with snacks, and with the chill environment
- I've received updates from the Mental Health Commissioners regarding the Outreach and Advocacy committees.
  - o Outreach committee: Tabling on December 5<sup>th</sup> in the library to promote mental health during exam period. They also have many social media ideas and have been working hard on Mental Health Awareness Week.
  - o Advocacy committee: Working on the SSMU Mental Health Policy and Plan Midterm report to be presented at SSMU Legislative Council on January 12<sup>th</sup>.



## STUDENT SERVICES

- Erin and I met with Cara Piperni on November 25<sup>th</sup> to talk about progress on the communications plan for Counselling and Mental Health Services' integration and about concerns we and other students have raised regarding the CCC position.
- Cara Piperni also gave a presentation to me, Erin, and other students involved in mental health and peer support on campus on November 25<sup>th</sup>. It went over the integration of Mental Health and Counselling services, the proposed physical space for MCMHS, and the stepped care model.
- The Mental Health Commissioners and I were invited to attend the Counselling Advisory Board and the Mental Health Advisory Board meetings on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, respectively. One Mental Health Commissioner was able to attend the Counselling Advisory Board meeting, but the Mental Health Advisory Board meeting was unexpectedly cancelled.
- Collaboration Matters Working Group met on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, to discuss a timeline for next semester. We also welcomed a new committee member from Counselling to the working group.
- I've been in contact with Joan Butterworth regarding doing more webinars on getting involved at McGill and within SSMU to incoming students and exchange students in the winter semester.

#### **FAMILY CARE**

- Met with the General Manager and the Membership Services representative and General Manager
  of the PGSS on November 24<sup>th</sup> regarding including the possibility of including Midnight Kitchen in
  Study Saturdays and regarding improvements to the program moving forward.
- The next Study Saturday is being held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Attended the latter half of another Night Route Walk with the Vice-President (Operations) and McGill Security on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Helped Vice-President (Finance) conduct an interview for FERC Commissioner on November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended Funding Committee meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>.



# Respectfully submitted,

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