



MID-YEAR SSMU EXECUTIVE REPORT

December 14, 2011

PRESIDENT: MAGGIE KNIGHT

It's been quite the semester. The MUNACA strike and the events of November 10th have placed a strain on the student body and on the SSMU, and I am incredibly thankful to all the students and SSMU staff who have pulled together to get us through these difficult times. I look forward to next semester in the hopes that I will be able to devote less time to crisis management and more to improving SSMU's governance procedures, collaborating with other student associations and councils across campus, and making SSMU into a true leader when it comes to sustainability.

Major projects/achievements/events of the semester:

Governance & Representation

- Coordinated the Executive Committee and provided support to fellow Executives in various ways
- Coordinated Council Retreat and the updating of the Councillor Guide
- Reformed the SSMU Board of Directors to be more transparent and democratic at the Fall General Assembly
- Hosted a moderately successful General Assembly and undertook extensive consultation regarding General Assembly reform



The Fall 2011 General Assembly



SSMU Council

- Represented downtown undergraduates on McGill's Senate and Senate Committee on Physical Development, working with the other undergraduate senators through the SSMU Senate Caucus
- Represented downtown undergraduates on McGill's Board of Governors and its Building & Property and Nominating, Governance, & Ethics Committees
- Initiated discussions with McGill's Secretariat regarding changes to the University's Statutes as well as to the terms of reference of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility
- Represented downtown undergraduates on the Campus Community Campaign Committee and the McGill Alumni Association Board
- Managed legal issues concerning access to the SSMU's membership list

Outreach & Consultation

- Updated the SSMU's general outreach pamphlets
- Attended orientation events and spoke on behalf of the SSMU



Varsity Fair, coordinated by Varsity Council and McGill Athletics through the Athletics Roundtable

- In collaboration with other members of the Executive, hosted Strategic Summits on Student Consultation, Tuition Hikes, and Equity & Diversity at McGill
- Coordinated the Presidents' Roundtable (for the Presidents of faculty associations, First Year Council, and Inter-Residence Council)
- Met repeatedly with the Athletics Roundtable, attended major athletics events, increased support for student athletes in person and through social media
- Hosted a Meet Your Representatives wine and cheese to help students get to know their councillors and executives

- Met with the First Year Council, Inter-Residence Council, Carrefour Council, Management Undergraduate Society Board of Directors, and Bachelor of Arts & Science Integrative Council

Human Resources

- With the General Manager, hired a Human Resources Advisor
- With the General Manager and the HR Advisor, hired the Sustainability Coordinator
- Wrote an orientation guide for SSMU's student staff
- Worked with the rest of the Executive Committee and the HR Advisor to create job descriptions for each Executive position as well as an Executive Contract, which were passed by Council

Goals for next semester:

- Provide info for potential candidates for the 2012-2013 SSMU Executive
- Support the Bylaw Review Committee in completing a full review of SSMU's Bylaws
- Draft a Confidentiality & Transparency policy and revise the Conflict of Interest Policy
- Work with the General Manager and the HR Advisor to revise the employee bylaws and create an HR policy
- Meet with more faculty associations at their invitation, in collaboration with the VP Internal
- Continue working with the SSMU Sustainability Coordinator and Environment student staff to create a strategic plan for sustainability

Special thanks to:

- General Manager Pauline Gervais for all her hard work and expertise
- The rest of the executive team for supporting each other through all this semester's crazy events
- SSMU Councillors and Senators who have endured many long meetings to get the SSMU's work done
- The Secretary General for all her research, event coordination, and publicity work
- The Sustainability Coordinator, Environment student staff, and Environment Committee for their commitment and innovation
- CEO Rebecca Tacoma and the rest of the Elections SSMU team
- The faculty association presidents for their collaboration at the Presidents' Roundtable



VICE PRESIDENT (CLUBS & SERVICES): CAROL FRASER

If you told me a year ago that I'd be a SSMU Executive in a year's time, I would have laughed my signature laugh and dismissed your claim as ridiculous. But here I am, and I am loving it. What a privilege it is to be at the very center of student life, supporting and helping those who like to get involved. The thing about being in this position is that no matter how much you plan, McGill and its students will always throw surprises at you. Clubs and services have had to change their names and the building almost got washed away by a flood (not to mention barely being open due to the MUNACA strike); yet somehow students seem more active and vocal than ever, voting overwhelmingly to continue to support CKUT and QPIRG in the Fall referendum period, and breaking the attendance record for Fall Activities Night among other achievements. I tip my hat to you, McGill. Thanks for the wild ride.

Major projects/achievements/major portfolio events of the semester:

Clubs & Services

- Conducted, in collaboration with VP Finance and Operations (Shyam Patel), club workshops at the beginning of the semester to better inform clubs of how SSMU works and how we can help them
- Conducted **introductory meetings** with a majority of the SSMU services to explain the relationship with SSMU and how we can help them
- Worked closely with Midnight Kitchen to facilitate ways of using Room 302 as a student lounge/cafe style space
- Encouraged and facilitated collaboration between other Executive's portfolios and the services, such as M-SERT/Walksafe/Drivesafe at Frosh.
- Completely revamped and reorganized the filing and list system for club information to make sure we keep better track of our clubs as an organization; reorganized clubs into categories
- Worked with the HR Advisor to help services create job contracts for their various positions
- Revamped the Club and Services part of the website to be more organized and student-friendly



Some of SSMU's more than 200 student groups at Activities Night



The McGill First Aid Service (MFAS) is now the McGill Student Emergency Response Team (MSERT) due to SSMU's new Memorandum of Agreement with McGill

Publications/Communications

- Provided **handbooks** to new and returning students at Frosh activities and in the lobby of the Shatner building (produced Handbook over the summer)
- Sent out frequent **listservs** with information regarding Activities Night, building hours during the strike, McGill name information, as well as little jokes with myself. Entertained tens and tens of students for at least a minute.
- Maintained diligent communication with students, promptly responded to students' concerns
- Held office hours (Mondays 3 – 5 PM) where students could come by with their concerns



Building

- Re-activated the **Building Committee** to discuss major projects and innovations for the Shatner University Centre in the upcoming semester and next few years
- Re-evaluated and organized lockers and offices in the building so we now have a much more organized system for keeping track of locker and office assignments
- Worked with the General Manager, Legal Information Clinic, Organic Campus and the Environment Commissioners to change Sadie's Corner/The Green Corner into Organic Campus'/environmental space.
- Facilitated purchase of **SSMU Logos** on the floor of Shatner leading to the SSMU offices so students know where to better find us
- Created a survey on students' needs regarding



Fall Activities Night broke SSMU's attendance record

Other

- Served as a SSMU representative member of **CKUT'S Board of Directors**, meeting monthly to discuss all matters of the station
- Commissioned research regarding clubs & services, opt-outs and student union building usage at other Canadian universities to be used for future policy development
- Worked with the VP University Affairs and President to finalize the SSMU's Memorandum Of Agreement with McGill, specifically regarding club name changes
- Coordinated a successful **Fall Activities Night** with reusable passes, largest attendance ever and didn't even break the fire code
- Attending meetings of the McGill Senate Committee on Student Services, which among other things decides how much the student services fee will be

Goals for next semester:

- Research possibilities of a mobile SSMU Handbook as well as transferral of the project to President's portfolio
- Continue the by-law revision process for Book III with the help of Councillors
- Work with the Interest Group Committee on a new SSMU Policy regarding Clubs and Services, as well as new club applications for the website
- Conduct a mid-year review of office and locker space (survey)
- Work with McGill regarding bicycle parking near SSMU, using the results of a survey from this semester
- Implement a new room bookings system for the SSMU and Shatner Building that is more user friendly and efficient
- Survey clubs and services to see how the SSMU can improve their experience
- Scan and archive all club documents for internal record-keeping and have a special exhibit with the history of SSMU clubs and services
- Run a really baller Winter Activities Night with lots of interactive activities

Special thanks to:

- My fellow executives, who have been there through thick and thin.



- The entire SSMU staff, especially the Front Desk (Mary and Sarah), Head of Security (Wallace), General Manager (Pauline) and Communications and Publications Manager (Corina) for their support, patience, expertise, and senses of humour.
- The student staff who work with my portfolio: Kaiti O'Shaughnessy (Interest Group Coordinator), Eric Wen and Carolyn Yates (Handbook Editors), Aminata Wurie (Advanced Room Bookings Coordinator), Luke Chesser (Club Website Designer), Andrea Settini (Activities Night Coordinator), Cera Yiu (Culture Shock Coordinator).
- The dedicated members of the Interest Group Committee
- The dedicated student volunteers of all the clubs and services who have made working for the SSMU the best job ever.
- Niko Block, Marie Thomas, Janina Grabs, Myriam Zaidi, the fine folks at CKUT, my far-flung friends Johannes Carlsson and Andrea Jordan, and all the other chillers out there who have truly been there for me this year. I love you guys.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL): JOËL PEDNEAULT

During the past semester, McGill's downtown campus has experienced an unprecedented surge in student activism. From support for MUNACA during its strike, to joining forces with the growing resistance of Quebec students against tuition fee increases, to the tremendous community response to the brutal events of November 10th on McGill's campus: activism has reached a high point at McGill.



Emily and Joël rally in support of MUNACA

Our actions and support no doubt helped MUNACA sign a decent collective agreement (although limited on the issue of pensions). While McGill's support staff, supported by students and faculty, have won one of the first major labour victories of any workplace in Quebec in years, cities and university campuses across the world are witnessing occupations aimed at denouncing the injustice of a form of capitalism increasingly dominated by a small financial elite. The local and global contexts in which McGill students are getting involved is exciting and fresh. We have a lot to look forward to next semester, but also a lot left to do.

As I write, students across Quebec are gearing up for a general student strike during the winter semester, with the intention of blocking the provincial government's planned 75% tuition fee increase. It is our duty to join forces with this growing movement, and to engage in dialogue with the Quebec student movement to ensure the concerns of McGill students matter within this broader struggle.

Major projects/achievements/major portfolio events of the semester:

- Participated in SSMU delegation to Rassemblement National Étudiant, a Quebec-wide student movement gathering, last May
- Organized a very successful community BBQ with the Milton-Parc Citizen's Committee in September.
- Provided initial logistical support to the Mob Squad, a group of students fighting for access to education and labour rights
- Very engaging and constructive strategic summit/open discussion on tuition fees.



- Provided logistical support to countless student support actions during the MUNACA strike.
- Provided information to student body regarding MUNACA strike from the first day of the strike, through email and classroom discussions.
- Press conference with Sherbrooke student associations and PGSS regarding support staff strikes: very good media coverage.
- Hiring of new Political Attaché to advise on matters of government policy, lobbying and press relations
- Organized McGill contingent in November 10th student demonstration against tuition fee increases (we were hundreds!).
- Fielding the largest delegations in recent SSMU history to both TaCEQ and ASSÉ meetings.
- Providing a consistently critical and engaging point of view on campus and provincial affairs to campus and local media throughout the semester.



McGill students participate in the November 10th province-wide protests for accessible education



Thousands of students took to the streets in Montreal on November 10th to protest against tuition hikes

Goals for next semester:

- Develop and institutionalize a yearly week of events on post-secondary educations
 - Develop detailed policies and lobbying/campaign strategy to prevent further tuition increases for out-of-province and international students
 - Coordinate and disseminate a more diverse set of material on tuition increases but also other issues related to post-secondary education, student debt, access to education and student activism
 - Facilitate the successful and meaningful participation of McGill students in next semester's general Quebec student strike
- Coordinate the work of the External Affairs Committee and other non-SSMU groups on campus to ensure a successful campaign against tuition fee increases is mounted at McGill University.

Special thanks to:

- Niko Block and Amber Gross, SSMU's political campaigns coordinators
- The wonderful folks in the Mob Squad, for doing the heavy lifting
- Simon Charbonneau, SSMU's new Political Advisor and Press Secretary, for conducting some outstanding research.



VICE PRESIDENT (FINANCE & OPERATIONS): SHYAM PATEL

The last few months, although strenuous at times, have been exhilarating to say the least. By working with students and Councillors on various committees, collaborating with the Staff and the Executive Committee, I have had the privilege to work on some exciting projects. These include but are not limited to the student-run cafe, ethical investment plan, and, of course, funding for student groups.

Major projects/achievements/events of the semester:

Budget

- Revised the budget format from previous years and presented the Revised Budget of 2011 – 2012 to the Legislative Council
- Supported the executives with respective budgets by creating a worksheet for new events and by holding workshops (one with my predecessor, one during the summer, one mid-term review)
- Started restructuring process of the internal presentation of the unaudited financial statements for Executives and Services



Shyam presents his report to the General Assembly

Clubs & Services

- In conjunction with the VP Clubs & Services, held workshops to present finances, funding, and the club audit system and met some of the Services to discuss the accounting procedures and financial perspective of the groups
- Revamped the club audit document and held club audit appointments to meet with clubs individually to go through the club audit
- Provided clubs with their audit scores along with comments, suggestions, and feedback
- Created a club cheque reimbursement form to reimburse clubs a maximum of \$80 for cheque purchase orders
- Created a Services Budget Worksheet that allows services to easily submit their budgets; it also has a sample budget with step-by-step information
- Established regular office hours (Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays between 12 – 2pm) to ensure accessibility

Committees

- Created an Accounting Procedures document for next year's Executive Committee in conjunction with the Accounting Department
- Met the members of the Finance Committee to present the budget and held another meeting to explain and assess the finances of the Student Health & Dental Plan regarding the SSMU
- Drafted initial Ethical Investment Plan further developed by the Financial Ethics Research Committee; prepared simulation for FERC before the final motion was completed
- Established the criteria for the Funding Committee and revised the funding forms accordingly from last year



- Prepared a workshop schedule for International Women's Week in conjunction with relevant members from the Equity Committee



Gerts hosted student events large and small this semester, including this SSMU Environment Committee pumpkin carving mixer

- boy and coat check at Gerts; learnt how to bartend during the first Celebrity Bartending event
- Created a Marketing Plan with the advertising strategy, advertising implementation phase, and review phase for the Marketplace
- Hosted a Marketplace Launch event to promote the Marketplace
- Revised and completed the Mini Courses budget to be brought forward to Council for approval in the fall semester

Portfolio (other miscellaneous)

- Met with ASEQ to review the promotional material for the year regarding the Student Health & Dental Plan
- Completed first review phase of the second by-law book
- Met with Councillors to review the portfolio and involve them according to their interests
- Worked on a report regarding the second floor tenants space
- Completed the "Where is my money going document?" that is added to the e-bill
- Met weekly with the Sustainability Case Competition team to prepare the competition; helped with the accounting procedures, budget, general information, and attended the first cocktail
- Met with the Communications & Publications Manager, Security Supervisor, and IT Manager to go over the tasks for the website and prepared for the launch of the revised website

Student-run Café

- Formed a Working Group during the summer term
- Completed external, internal, research as a result of the Working Group's efforts
- Commenced business plan for the student-run cafe along

Operations

- Initiated revamp of administrative issues with the Book Bazaar (i.e. returning books, distributing unsold books from Haven Books for free to students, and moving from a physical to online forum)
- Reviewed the drink specials, food menu, and renovation updates with the Gerts Committee
- Started gathering information for an ATM machine for the Gerts floor
- Dedicated some time to bus



Transition

Completed first week training material (SSMU Basics) for the VP Finance & Operations next year

- Started second and third week training material (Portfolio)

Goals for next semester:

- Work on the second Revised Budget for 2011 – 2012 and prepared the Budget for 2012 – 2013
- Complete the student-run cafe business proposal and relevant strategic plans
- Commence fourth training for next year's VP Finance & Operations (Practical Simulation) during the winter break
- Continue holding office hours for clubs, services, and students groups on campus
- Continue raising awareness about the funds available to the student groups
- Prepare a long-term financial plan and format it similar to the way the budget was presented
- Prepare Gerts Sales Report; review marketing strategy for Mini Courses; increase promotion for the Marketplace

Special thanks to:

Much of my work and accomplishments would not be possible without the help and continued support of the SSMU Staff, Executives, Student Staff, and Councillors. In addition, I would like to extend my appreciation to the students a part of the clubs, services, and student groups on campus who have managed to keep me motivated during the last few months.

VICE PRESIDENT (INTERNAL): TODD PLUMMER

This year is going by so quickly! From a really successful 4Floors to the Canine Therapy event, I've been having a blast running events and collaborating with different groups across campus.

Major projects/achievements/major portfolio events of the semester:

Events

- Ran a Frosh that unfortunately got rained out, but threw a fantastic concert with Dragonette. Such fun.
- Hosted an intimate, fiscally responsible Homecoming event in Gert's. Learned how to play some new games and got to know some Red Thunder people pretty well!
- Threw a 4Floors that sold out faster than the latest Justin Bieber CD. Huge party, huge success, huge blast.
- Partnered with McGill's Enrolment Services on Open House to host a pumpkin carving contest for student groups.



SSMU Execs came to 4Floors as characters from Clue

- Organized a fantastic Thanksgiving Hoe-Down Barn Party. There was a pretty big mishap with the bus company, but I look forward to reincarnating this event once the weather gets nice! The forty or so of us that were able to make it had a blast, and even learned how to square dance with the MacDonald Campus Students Society.



- Partnered with the Therapeutic Paws of Canada to host a canine therapy service in the SSMU Ballroom during the exam period. The lineup at one point went down the main stairwell to the lobby! This event was a massive success, and I look forward to expanding it in the new semester. Perhaps we could even offer it during midterms *and* finals.

Communications

- Wrote and edited the newsletter to 22,000 people every week. Nuff said.
- Took over the new website project from VP Patel. Helped guide the translator through the site so as to have a French version up in the new year. I've still got a few qualms about the website but am working with our developers, Plank, to iron some wrinkles out.
- Oversaw the student staff of graphic designers and translators to ensure smooth workload and that all Executives' projects get done in a timely fashion.
- Populated SSMU's social media with content on a regular basis. When I started, we had just over 100 twitter followers. Now, we are almost at ten times that amount!
- Leading the *Old McGill* team to make the best yearbook yet, and to sell more books than ever before! (Don't forget to order your copy)



This year's Old McGill yearbook team

Varia

- Working closely with the Office of Services for Students and the First-Year Office and the Faculty Associations to determine how Orientation 2012 can be a departure from previous models. There are some pretty big proposals in the works. Like, this could change everything kind of proposals. Top secret for a few more weeks though...
- I recently joined the McGill Writing Center Advisory Committee as the student rep. This is a project I've been interested in for years, and I am incredibly grateful that my role at SSMU has enabled me to be a part of this project.
- I've been a member and strong voice for student consultation on McGill Athletics Board. So strongly, in fact, that I was invited to sit on the Athletics Finance Committee next semester.
- I've been strategizing with the Gert's Manager and General Manager on how to go about renegotiating the SSMU's beer contract, as it will expire right after my term and negotiations need to start in January.

Goals for next semester:

- Successfully negotiate a beer contract that we can all get behind.
- Work more closely with the Faculty Associations on strengthening Faculty Olympics. This year, FO is going to be bigger and better than ever!



SSMU partnered with Therapeutic Paws of Canada to bring happy dogs to the SSMU Ballroom for some student-distressing pats



- Bringing a speaker or musical act to McGill. Anybody have recommendations about who they would want to see?
- Run a fantastic Week 101 to welcome students back! The event is going to be held in Gert's on January 9-12
- Organize a fabulous SSMU Awards Banquet to celebrate everyone who works so hard to make SSMU what it is today!

Special thanks to:

- All the SSMU members who have had a good time at the SSMU events. It's all for you guys.
- All of my wonderful friends who have supported throughout the past couple of months.
- All of the fantastic student staff at SSMU. You guys work so hard, you totally rock!
- All of the permanent staff at SSMU, the only reason this year's Executive has been able to get anything done. Kidding. But not really.
- All of the student groups I've collaborated with over the past semester. SSMU is here to work for you!
- All of the McGill administrators who collaborate with SSMU, proving that not everyone in the administration is as evil as students sometimes paint them to be.

VICE PRESIDENT (UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS): EMILY YEE CLARE

As my fellow executives have already articulated, this semester has been an exciting one! I have learnt a lot and hope to continue doing so throughout the upcoming year. Next semester has quite a few projects in the works, and I look forward to collaborating with many different students and administrative units.

Major projects/achievements/major portfolio events of the semester:

- Supported fellow executives by assisting and attending relevant events, meetings, including Frosh, Strategic Summits, Activities Night, and Interunion meetings.
- After a year as Equity Commissioner, I knew that the portfolio needed serious overhaul in order to be effective. Another position, the Equity Outreach Coordinator was created and the Equity team has embarked on several projects including workshops, a Strategic Summit on Equity, and policy and by-law revision.



One break-out discussion group at the Strategic Summit on Equity and Diversity at McGill

- Initiated several student research projects about different topics, such as an evaluation of the McGill Governance Structure and Technology at McGill.
- I have been liaising with different student groups and administrative units on a regular basis to ensure a continued flow of information, including, but not limited to, SACOMSS, Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning), the McGill Secretariat, the Social Equity and Diversity Education Office, and Student Advocacy.
- Helped organise the inaugural Consultation Fair, which allowed students



more direct access to many of McGill's Administrators.

- Increased pressure on the Administration through different committees and Senate:
 - Drafting and presentation of a proposal for a McGill Equity Award
 - Presentation of a Academic Amnesty motion at Senate after significant student consultation across constituencies
 - Representation on various committees, including but not limited to Selection Advisory Committees, Academic Policy committees, etc.
- Revised SSMU By-laws relevant to student representatives in line with recommendations made in the Consultation and Communication Working Group.
- Senate Caucus:
 - Allowed for Senators to take leadership in the facilitation of the Senate Caucus
 - Continued pressure on the Administration to remain accountable through active participation in Senate
 - Creation of a new position, the University Affairs Secretary General, to better support our Student Senators
 - Creation of space whereby the VP UA is accountable to Senate Caucus
 - Increased accountability and building of institutional memory through increased reporting and document summarisation
- In collaboration with other members of the Executive, hosted Strategic Summits on Student Consultation, Tuition Hikes, and Equity & Diversity at McGill.
- MoA and Lease:
 - Negotiated Memorandum of Agreement with McGill
 - Ongoing discussions regarding SSMU's Lease
- November 10th was a significant event at McGill. Work on this will continue throughout next semester. However, some completed initiatives include:
 - Relayed information to the SSMU office to ensure that effective support could be coordinated the night of
 - Gathered student testimonials
 - Currently requesting that students have access to any available security footage of the event
 - Helped coordinate post-event support with SACOMSS and Nightline for students as well as hosting a debrief session on the weekend
- In light of the MUNACA strike, multiple projects were put on hold, but important initiatives were nonetheless undertaken. They include:
 - Town Hall on the impact of the strike on Student Services
 - Informal and formal meetings with different units at McGill to discuss the different types on impacts on students
 - Creation of a "MUNACA Testimonial" section on the SSMU Website



SSMU senators represent downtown undergraduates on McGill's Senate, the highest academic governing body



- Engaged in discussions, alongside the SSMU President, with the Administration to ensure that students' voices are well represented

Goals for next semester (bullet points):

- Increased visibility of the VP University Affairs portfolio through different events, such as the Winter Consultation Fair, the Forum on Undergraduate Education, and increased use of the newly revamped Senator's Corner (Special thanks to Senator Tom Acker).
- Institutionalisation and opening up the SSMUEquity conference to allow for non-academic works to be presented.
- Institutionalisation of the Forum on Undergraduate Education to be an effective way to disseminate information to the student body. One main goal is to engage students months prior to the event to ensure that it is student driven and not SSMU-driven.
- Planning and organisation of the Winter Consultation Fair, which will be themed around Safety and Security at McGill.
- Broadening use of research portfolio to include more interactive and proactive forms of student consultation through short videos and collaborative art.
- Creation of a SSMU Ad-Hoc Committee that will be dedicated to making recommendations for the revision of the Code of Student Conduct and Grievance Procedure to the Office of the Dean of Students.
- Drafting of a policy in regards to Senate and the way in which it ought to support student associations in the solicitation of student representatives.
- Effective negotiation of a Lease of the SSMU Building in the interest of students
- Increased support for the McGill Academic Roundtable as well as solidifying a clear mandate for this committee.

Special thanks to:

- General Manager Pauline Gervais has been a tremendous support to all the executive team!
- All the office staff have been great in pushing and supporting the work of the executive. The SSMU would fail to function without everyone's help.
- Thank you to all the Executive! Y'all have been great in supporting projects, ideas and being wonderful people.
- Senate Caucus has been a pleasure to work with throughout this tough year. Each Senator has been great in pushing for change and student rights within the McGill Governance structure.
- Janina Grabs, the University Affairs Secretary General and Murtaza Shambhoora, the Academic Research Commissioner have worked well to support Senate Caucus and committee representation.
- The Library Improvement Fund Commissioner, Yonatan Lipsitz has helped in reforming the SSMU By-laws and liaising with the Office of the Dean of Libraries.
- Cassandra Zawilski, Ryan Thom and the SSMU Equity Committee have worked consistently on several projects, including but not limited to outreach, revising the current equity policy, and planning the upcoming Equity & Violence Conference.