



Report of the President to Council
for January 12th, 2012.

I hope everyone had a relaxing break and is ready to take on the new semester!

Student Constituencies & Democratic Processes

Council – At the time of writing, I have received the following reports. For those Councillors who have not yet submitted theirs, please do so as soon as possible, as the deadline was December 15th. Execs will be endeavouring to meet with each Councillor to go over the self-evaluations and help provide support for initiatives you are undertaking this semester.

<i>Councillor Self-Evaluations</i>	<i>Councillor Feedback</i>
Tyler Cannon	Tyler Cannon
Alexander Kunev	Alex Kunev
Meagan Lepitre	Meagan Lepitre
Angela Herman	Angela Herman
Jim Niu	Shyam Patel
Raphael Uribe Arango	Jim Niu
Isabelle Bi	Isabelle Bi
Jamie Burnett	Raphael Uribe Arango
Radney Jean-Claude	Jamie Burnett
Anna Kourilova	Anna Kourilova
Zhizhen Qin	Zhizhen Qin
Hector Hernandez	Kady Paterson
Billi Wun	Billi Wun
Usman Bin Shahid	Anonymous (1)
Dylan Doyle	
Adam Winer	
Michaël Lessard	

So You Want to Be A SSMU Exec? – I am coordinating an info session for students interested in running for next year's SSMU Executive. It will be held before our next Council meeting: January 26th, 4pm, Lev Bukhman. Please help promote this to your constituents so that as many students as possible are aware of the opportunity. Nominations open February 1st.

General Assembly – The deadline for motions in advance is January 18th and the General Assembly itself is February 1st, 4:30pm, in the Shatner Ballroom. As you will recall from the decision at our last Council meeting, motions from the floor will also be possible.

Judicial Board – I am waiting for an update from the Judicial Board regarding last semester's JBoard case.

Strategic Summits – The first Strategic Summit of the semester will be January 20th on the topic of Sustainability. The second Strategic Summit will be on the topic of student space.



Athletics – The Athletics Roundtable met again this week. I can report orally.

January Admit students – I will be presenting as part of the First Year Office's welcome to January admit students on Wednesday afternoon.

First Year Council, Inter-Residence Council, & Off-Campus Council – I am meeting with leaders from each of these Councils this week to discuss how the three bodies can interact most successfully to provide the best support and programming for first year students.

Presidents Roundtable – Along with the Presidents of most of the Faculty Associations, I met with the Provost to discuss the Deputy Provost (Student Life & Learning) position. We presented a powerpoint summarizing a 35-page report we had collectively written, which provides recommendations for making the Deputy Provost role more successful. Special thanks to Josh Redel (EUS President), Katie Larson (MUSA President), and Dave Fortin (MUS President) for their substantial contributions to the process.

Mid-Year Report & Survey – We produced and published our mid-year report with the goal of helping people have an overview of what we've been up to this past semester (for all those students who just can't be convinced to make reading every one of our Council reports a priority). Additionally, we have sent out a mid-year survey with three questions from each Executive portfolio. At the time of writing we have received about 270 responses, and I hope that number will continue to increase; I hope we will be able to present the summarized results of the survey at our next Council meeting for discussion.

Human Resources

Comptroller Interviews – After two rounds of interviews, we decided to hire Mrs Josée Couture. She started work this week – welcome!

Staff Evaluations – Led by our General Manager and HR Advisor, we completed the semi-annual permanent staff evaluations in the first two weeks of December. I completed the General Manager's evaluation with input from the rest of the Executive.

General – We held a holiday staff party and a gift exchange (which was just after the MUNACA strike ended, so we were very happy to have our porters back to celebrate with us!).

HR Policy – Over the break I began work on the Human Resources policy which I hope to be able to present to Council for debate and adoption before the end of the semester.

Sustainability

Sustainability Coordinator & Environment Student Staff – Good work keeps moving forward, as you can see in their report. Many thanks for all their hard work this semester!

Strategic Summit on Sustainability – January 20th. This will be a very important part of our endeavours to produce a Strategic Plan for Sustainability before the end of the semester.



McGill Administration & University Governance

Jutras Report – We have reviewed the Jutras report and are encouraging the Administration to have an open forum where any member of the McGill community (not just Senators or Governors) can ask questions or discuss the report's findings.

Lease – We sent a detailed memo to the Deputy Provost outlining our concerns regarding the Lease. His response was that we should resume discussions with Vilma Campbell, which we have scheduled for Wednesday this week. Emily or I can report orally.

MUNACA strike – Is over! Finally!

Senate – Status quo. The Jutras report will be discussed at next week's Senate Meeting (Jan 18th, 2:30pm, LEA 232).

Meeting with Teaching & Learning Services – I met with TLS along with other members of Senate Caucus and discussed moving forward on a number of key issues, including a potential survey on what kinds of training undergraduates think TAs should get (in light of the new AGSEM agreement).

Food and Dining Advisory Committee – I attended the December meeting. No major news, but some interesting projects on the horizon.

Media Relations – I met with Doug Sweet (head of McGill's Media Relations) to discuss the role of the McGill Reporter in reporting on student events.

Other

McGill Alumni Association Board Meeting – I attended in December. It was my first meeting, since I was in England for my grandfather's memorial during their October meeting. The MAA has many projects on the go.

Exit Report – Over the break I started to work on the outline of my exit report. I hope to leave a substantial and thorough report that will help future Presidents.

Personal – My uncle passed away on Sunday. I was close to him, as he has no children and I'm his only niece. I will probably be taking a few days off in February to attend his wake in Vancouver. Thanks to the rest of the Executive for being extra supportive.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Knight
President