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### SSMU Councillor Reports

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#### **Angela Herman – Nursing Representative**

- NUS office is back and renovated! Which means office hours and all other services are back up and running with full force this semester. For Winter 2012 my office hours will be every Tuesday from 11 to 12. Next week Nursing students will be going away for the CNSA National Conference in Saskatoon so I will be covering council members office hours. Therefore, on Tuesday January 24 I will be in the NUS office from 9am to 12pm. For those of you brave enough to venture down into the basement of Wilson Hall come visit!
- Helped out with the NUS grad bake sale (thanks SSMU for the status post!) and looking forward to the grad pub fundraiser at Crobar February 4. Tickets 10.00\$, pitchers only 10.00\$ and live bands. I will be helping out with coat check so put me to work by supporting your future nurses and getting your ticket to Crobar.
- Continuing to collaborate with the McGill Bookstore to set up a proposal to the NUS with regards to equipment needs.
- Speed Nursing Event finally organized for January 26
- Looking forward to finding out when the first meeting of SSPN is and planning Faculty Olympics. Already have NUS council members and students ready to set up a team :)

#### **Adam Winer – Clubs and Services Representative**

##### Interest Group Committee

I'm working with other committee members to develop a policy on travel and charity clubs which will be presented to Council. I'm also exploring other ways to integrate SSMU's social responsibility mandate into our review of club applications.

##### Funding Committee

Working with VP Patel as well as the Sustainability Coordinator to add a "green" bonus criterion to club audit scores this semester, in order to encourage and reward environmentally friendly behaviour.

##### Clubs and Services

Will be attending Activities Night and am very excited! Will be circulating on the Clubs floor of



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Shatner building with my fellow C&S reps with the Suggestion Box in order to hear our constituents' opinions and feedback. We have changed the format of our office hours: we will be meeting for half an hour in the SSMU office every Monday at 2:30, and then walking around the clubs floor for an hour (3-4) to meet with/drop in on individual clubs and services.

### General Assembly

Drafted a policy entitled "Policy Regarding Negative Corporate Influence on Campus", and sought feedback from fellow councillors and constituents in this process. Assisted several of my constituents in drafting a motion to support VP Plummer's awesome work on SSMU frosh, and to call for changes in faculty Froshes.

### Other

Met with President Knight to discuss McGill's investing policies and the BOG Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility. I have started to meet with constituents who are pursuing research regarding McGill's investments, and thinking of ways that SSMU can assist them in conducting and publicizing that research.

### **Dylan Doyle – Arts Representative**

#### Charity Week

The holiday break was extremely productive for myself, and most of my coordinators. After meeting briefly before final exams started, I ascribed roles for each of them, (administrative, sponsorship, marketing/promotions) and we selected the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre as our charity, which provides empowering programs and services to the community of Little Burgundy. We have finalized the majority of our events for the week, which will include a coffeehouse/open mic night, a Krispy Kreme sale and three simultaneous samosa sales across the campus, a silent auction, a film screening, a charity concert, StarCraft competition, yoga/Zumba/tango/pilates instruction, a fashion show, and a charity ball. This year, we are aiming to raise around \$5,000 for the Centre, and hope to establish the AUS as a faculty association with a strong commitment to philanthropy. Charity Week 2012 will be taking place from Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Additionally, the Arts 4 Arts Fashion Show is looking for models, and will be hosting auditions on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Arts Lounge, from 6PM-8PM, so if you/your friends/executive are interested, please contact me after Council!

#### CoffeehAUS

The first CoffeehAUS took place on Tuesday evening, and was a huge success! My coordinators and I restructured the event, with a heavy emphasis on marketing and promotions across campus and different social media platforms, as well as adding both a charitable and sustainable element to it. We are charging patrons \$1 entrance with a reusable cup, and \$2 without. All of these proceeds will go towards Project Futures Canada, a not-for-profit organization that seeks to educate and eliminate human sex trafficking globally. Future events will feature spoken word artists and slam poets that have performed at The Yellow Door and Le Divan Orange, as well as McGill-based musicians. The



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next CoffeehAUS will take place on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>, and will feature a cappella group Tonal Ecstasy.

#### External Affairs/Community Engagement Committee

One of my long-term goals for the AUS is for the Society to become more engaged with both the Milton-Parc and McGill community. As such, this semester I will be working to implement an External Affairs/Community Engagement Committee, which would seek stronger relations with the Milton-Parc Citizen's Committee, in the form of monthly debriefs, and events that would be mutually beneficial, as well as events/partnerships with groups across the McGill campus (SEDE, Chaplaincy Services, and The Office of Sustainability). Additionally, the group would seek financially ethical contracts with external companies that would directly benefit students. I'm still in the early planning stages for how this committee will be structured, but am aiming to have a Constitution drafted by early February, and begin recruitment shortly thereafter.

#### Leacock's

Over the break, the other co-editor-in-chief and I selected new writers and freelancers for the magazine. We have some exciting events planned for the semester, aside from the publishing side of things. On Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting Ryan O'Connell, the editor for Thought Catalog, who will be giving a moderated talk on everything from the Internet, to sex, to how to deal with the pressures of post-graduate life. We will also be hosting a party in conjunction with CKUT and The McGill Daily, tentatively in early February. Our Fashion section recently shot an editorial shoot, featuring pieces borrowed from a variety of Montreal-based boutiques/shops, that will be posted on the website soon. Finally, our Food section is hoping to hold a sale of their favourite recipes from Leacock's this year.

#### Graduate and Professional Schools Fair

Over the holiday break, I began to compile a contact information document of all of the extra schools I had invited this year to the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair for my successor. This will mean that I'll be helping them send the invitations out with CaPS the week after elections in March. It's my hope that by sending these invitations out nearly two months earlier than historically done, the AUS will be able to attract the top-tier schools from across the globe, and thus increase the chances of their attendance at the Fair.

#### Contracts

Signed a contract with Across the Pond, a UK study advisory that will offer free guidance on how to study in Britain in the Leacock Lobby on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Ian Clarke – Law Representative**

- Submitted a GA motion asking SSMU to denounce Bill C-10



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- Drafted up some referenda questions concerning SSMU Constitutional changes; specifically in reference to Board of Director responsibilities in relation to the Legislative Council and the Judicial Board
- Finalizing referenda questions concerning SSMU Book II Constitutional changes
- Office hours were boring this week ☹

### **Kady Paterson - Education Representative**

For SSMU I've attended all of my Steering Committee, Ad-Hoc ByLaw Review Committee, and SSPN meetings (mainly Week 101) and generally hung out in the office. I seem to be finding myself there altogether too often lately. Carol and I are still working on Books 3&4 of the Bylaws, and making progress! Expect to see updates soon! Also planning to attend the Strategic Planning session on Saturday. Senate was ridiculous - the Principal seems to often disregard what students say. This is fun. EdUS met for the first time of the year and passed a question to go to our own referenda ballot in the spring - the addition of a career advisor fee - it's very exciting!

### **Alexander Kunev – Engineering Representative**

#### Community Engagement Committee

- Met a couple of times to establish priorities for the future
- Decided on a way to popularize the CEC and get more student input
- Approved initiatives/events and went through the criteria with; work on simplifying them and establishing weights on the different criteria

#### EUS Council

- First meeting for the semester got delayed with one week due to the proximity with E-Week (Engineering Week) and the tight schedule of leading Councilors and executives
- In other news, huge success with E-Week!
- The EUS had 3 representatives going all the way to Whitehorse for the annual Congress of Canadian engineers!

#### Finance Committee

- Discussed and made decisions on the ASEQ plan

#### Varia

- MARP is the funniest thing I've seen in a long time. Long live the proletariat!
- I always forget to mention, but the EUS Reps have their own blog, rejoice:  
<http://eusatssmu.wordpress.com/>



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### **Zhizhen Qin – Science Representative**

#### Suggestion Box

Emily and I went to Burnside basement to collect suggestions from Science students regards on issues about McGill. It was really productive and we had many feedbacks.

#### SUS GC

I drafted a motion regarding the GA motion to support the student run café. The motion was passed unanimously!

#### Sustainability Case Competition

Last Wednesday, I attended the case competition cocktail. During the event, I discussed with some candidates about their designs. Additionally, I answered the questions regarding student-run café from McGill Daily.

### **Julia Kryluk – Science Representative**

- Attended SUS meeting. Approved budget for 2011-2012 school year. Compiled a list of all departments and when they have their weekly meetings. Jim, Allison and I hope to attend at all departmental meetings at least once this semester in order to increase departmental-SUS-SSMU interactions.
- Bought a White Panda Ticket! Tell all your friends to come to the White Panda Concert at Telus Theater put on by SUS February 3rd!
- I was a Coordinator for Science Carnival the first week back to school. Fun was had by all! Turn out was less than expected and we thus suffered a larger loss in profit than we had expected however it was manageable within our budget.
- Office hours will be held this week, Thursday January 26th from 4pm-6pm in Burnside basement.

### **Haley Dinel – Senate Caucus Representative**

- First FERC meeting of the year Jan 23.
- I otherwise participated in my Senate duties such as attending APC and Senate January 18.
- Additionally, I have informed myself of issues arising on campus such as the upcoming GA and J-Board meetings.



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## **Matthew Crawford – Senate Caucus Representative**

### General

After extensive research on the subject, I surmised that one of the most interesting, yet nonetheless disappointing, facts about my Council reports was that they actually did not exist. In order to rectify this most egregious error on my part, I have decided to sit down and actually write a report. I hope the experience of reading this will be as edifying as the experience of having put it to paper.

### Green Book Review Working Group (GBRWG, or “Gubberwug”)

With VP (University Affairs) Clare, I will be working closely with students, representatives and members of various offices on campus (Student Advocacy, SEDE, SACOMSS) in order to orchestrate a review of the Green Book's policies on Student Discipline and Student Grievances. While the composition of the working group is not yet solid, we intend to include at least one councilor in this project. Interested applicants should send a brief letter of intent to [artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca)

### Senate Report

Last week on January 18<sup>th</sup>, I attended Senate with my fellow caucus members. The meeting was centered on a discussion of the Jutras Report's findings and recommendations. I strongly encourage councilors who have not done so to view the livestream, linked below. I have included the report link for those who require additional context.

The Senate discussion also included a point for information on McGill's involvement with the *Quartier d'Innovation* project – a part of the city's ongoing “Montreal 2025” revitalization vision. Questions were raised by student senators, myself included, about the ethics of the project, including: the absence of students in the initial consultation; partnering with corporations with reputations for unethical business practices; gentrification and the possible displacement of low-income families from the area the QI project will be built; corporatization of the education process and its aftereffects on the humanities.

I will be happy to elucidate on any of the points above and on other questions pertaining to that Senate meeting.

Livestream: <http://bcooltv.mcgill.ca/Viewer1/?EventID=201201101279>

Report: [https://secureweb.mcgill.ca/dean-jutras-report/sites/mcgill.ca/dean-jutras-report/files/investigation\\_report\\_final\\_version.pdf](https://secureweb.mcgill.ca/dean-jutras-report/sites/mcgill.ca/dean-jutras-report/files/investigation_report_final_version.pdf)

### State of the Beard

My Beard is doing alright, thanks.