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SSMU Councillor Reports

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Meagan Lepitre – PT/OT Representative

POTUS is holding its biggest annual fundraiser next weekend, Saturday the 11th of February. It is being held at the Realto Theatre and the event theme is Red Carpet. There will be a huge raffle, italian pasteries and chocolate fondue being served all night, a live band, and professional photographers. Proceeds will be going to Leucan. I will put an update on exactly how much we donated after the event.

Justin Fletcher – Arts Representative

Introduction

This is my first Council report, so here is a little about myself in case you were not at the last SSMU Council meeting: I am a U2 Honours East Asian Studies student with a minor in Anthropology. I previously served as the East Asian Studies Students' Association representative to AUS Council. I am from the suburbs of New York City, about forty-five minutes north. Fun facts: I am a huge fan of Robyn, and I have two cats whose names are Mimi and DJ. I am excited to serve on Council with all of you!

Publicity

I am trying to ensure that students know that I am their elected representative. This is both an opportunity and a challenge. I have spoken with the AUS VP Communications about sending out a listserv saying that the Arts faculty has a new representative to SSMU. I hope this will be done sometime this week. In addition, I have advertised my office hours on the McGill 2015 group, as I hope to reach out to first years. I certainly have more work to do to make sure that Arts students know I am their new representative.

Office Hours

I have set my Office Hours for Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 in the Champagne Room of the Arts Lounge. It's right next to the AUS Office. If these times do not work for you, please email me at artsrep2@ssmu.mcgill.ca, and I will be happy to meet with you!

Accountability

As part of my reports to AUS Council, I have undertaken the initiative of sharing my votes and my rationales on critical issues (that are not in-camera) at SSMU Council. I think this is a critical part of my being accountable to my constituency.

Events and Meetings Attended

- **Introduction to SSMU Council** with President Knight – Monday, January 23



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- **Work Your B.A.** – I was a Coordinator for AUS's Work Your B.A., which was held from January 23 to February 3. It is an event held with CaPS to create a dialogue between students and professionals about what we can do with our B.A.'s. All events were well-attended!
- **Meeting with MESS – McGill Environment Students' Society – Monday, January 30:** As part of the Reps <3 Deps program initiated by Arts Councilors Bi and Burnett, I met with MESS to discuss the J-Board case, the possibility of a strike, and issues their department is facing. I received a lot of feedback from them about issues with the Mac Campus shuttle, since many of them take classes at Mac Campus. I relayed this information to the Arts Senators, as I believe there will be a discussion on the Shuttle at the next Senate meeting. I hope to meet with more departments as the semester continues.
- **AUS General Assembly – Tuesday, January 31**
 - The motions included: Move the Rock; Recognition of an AUS Strike Committee; Accessible Education; AUS Adherence to CLASSE; Frosh Reform
 - Despite reaching quorum after calling the meeting without quorum, quorum was lost before voting on the first motion, which was the Motion re: Recognition of an AUS Strike Committee. This motion passed as a consultative body. The Motion re: AUS Adherence to CLASSE was tabled indefinitely. The Motions re: Move the Rock, re: Accessible Education, and re: Frosh Reform were all passed as a consultative body and passed onto AUS Council.
 - To my knowledge, the AUS President and the AUS Speaker have called for another general assembly within the next two to three weeks.
 - This is definitely an exciting time in AUS politics.
- **SSMU General Assembly – Wednesday, February 1**
 - I advertised and attended the SSMU General Assembly. I made numerous classroom announcements on Tuesday and Wednesday, and I invited all of my McGill friends on Facebook to the event. I unfortunately had to leave the GA at 6:30 for AUS Council, but I will read the minutes from the GA so that I can read the debates that took place before voting on the issues at upcoming Council.
- **AUS Council – Wednesday, February 1**
 - Resolutions from the General Assembly: We discussed and passed the resolutions re: Move the Rock and re: Frosh Reform. We lost quorum before being able to discuss motions re: Recognition of an AUS Strike Committee and re: Accessible Education.
 - I am excited to say that the AUS will be holding anti-oppression and rape culture workshops during Arts Frosh next year.
 - At the next AUS Council, to supplement the Frosh Reform resolution we passed, I will be bringing forth a resolution so that the AUS make an active effort to hold an alternative, dry nighttime activity for underage students during Arts Frosh. I think it is important that the AUS take initiative with this!
 - AUS voted to show support for the creation of a unique position for a B.A.&Sc. Rep to SSMU Council next year. This is something I am in support of, and I have told the BASiC Rep to AUS Council that I will support their initiatives in SSMU Council.
- **SSMU Board of Directors Meeting re: J-Board – Thursday, February 2**
- **SSMU Strategic Summit on Student Space – Friday, February 3** – see below.
- **AUS Academic Council – Friday, February 3** – see below.



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AUS Special Referendum

There has been a request for a special referendum through the AUS. If passed, the referendum question will make the AUS Constitution compatible with CLASSE, as the AUS Constitution currently does not qualify the AUS for CLASSE. The referendum question, if passed, will amend the AUS Constitution to give powers currently denied to the AUS General Assembly.

Ongoing Initiatives and Possible Project

As an Academic Councilor for the AUS, one of my initiatives is to investigate the use (or misuse!) of space on campus. While I am mostly focusing on space governed by the Faculty of Arts, I had the privilege of attending SSMU's Strategic Summit on Student Space. It was a great event – thank you to VP Clubs & Services Fraser and President Knight. I will take some of the information I learned from the Summit to improve my efforts. I have drafted a survey to Arts students that I presented to Academic Council on Friday, February 3. If you have any suggestions – or problems you would like me to investigate – let me know!

I have read in the *McGill Daily* that the SSMU First-Year Council has been toying with the idea of a SSMU First-Year Handbook. Last year, I was the editor of the AUS First-Year Handbook, so I am interested in reaching out to them about things they can do to make their handbook useful and welcoming. More to follow.

Raphael Uribe Arango – Residences Representative

Residence is in the process of planning a beach party for some time in February. Furthermore there is the IRC retreat in Quebec City this weekend.

I am also glad to report that the Wine and Cheese at Solin Rez was splendid and i commend President Devin and VP External Veronica who worked tirelessly for that event.

I also would like to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day in advance and i hope you are all spreading the joy and love.

Adam Winer – Clubs and Services Representative

General

- Attended AUS General Assembly
- Attended SSMU General Assembly and presented a motion on Negative Corporate Influence on Campus, which I also fielded questions about
- Attended emergency BoD meeting

Office Hours

Started, along with Councillor Chaini, new office hours format in which we visited clubs on the fourth floor. Got really helpful feedback and questions from our constituents.



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IGC

Helped to draft a policy on Trip and Charity Clubs, which is being presented at this week's council.

Green Audit

Working with VP Patel and Councillor Chaini to incorporate Green score into Club Audit. Ideas and help are welcome!

Kady Paterson – Education Representative

ByLaw Review Committee: We've been working hard on the jboard case and the procedures surrounding it. It has been busy. In addition, working with VP Fraser on Bylaw Book 3 - we are very close to presenting things to council! I'm stoked for that.

EdUS: There is definitely more interest from Education in SSMU proceedings than I've ever seen. Also exciting. People have actually been visiting my office hours to ask about SSMU! And there were Education students at the GA!

Steering: Full of hilarity, as usual. Sexiest committee, hands down.

Misc: Attended the GA, the BoD meeting and various other side caucuses. It was all ssmutacular.

Haley Dinel – Religious Studies Representative

- Attended to Senate meetings, Caucus, APC, TLS.
- Participated in the SSMU G.A
- Attended Board of Director Meeting on Thursday Feb 3

Will be meeting with FERC on Monday Feb 6

Julia Kryluk – Science Representative

- Attended SSPN meeting, working towards Faculty Olympics
- Attended lunch with HMB, represented SSMU and Science
- Attended SSMU GA and brought two science friends!
- Attended Board of Directors meeting
- Went to SUS White Panda concert with Todd Plummer; oh yeah!
- Held office hours, interacted with some concerned science students about the Science GA coming up



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Angela Herman – Nursing Representative

1. Faculty Olympics: Organized captains and recruiting team members! Generating a lot of interest from all years so should be a good turnout.
2. Nursing Equipment Orders: Collecting info and working on proposal for to potential collaboration with the McGill bookstore for equipment orders
3. Office Hours: NUS office still up and running and will be there every Tuesday 11:00 to 12:00
4. Grad Nursing Pub Night: Managed to survive working coat check in the smallest closet of a room and the event was an overall success! Had a good turnout and the grads appeared to fundraise quite a bit
5. GA: Attended the GA and even recruited some friends to come and introduced them to their first GA!

Jim Niu – Science Representative

- Office Hours have been a lot of fun! It's great getting to meet new people and talk to them about their McGill experience, although this past week we were unable to hold office hours.
- I've been attending the Library Improvement Fund meetings, we're looking forward to seeing proposals passed on to us! Keep an eye out in the libraries for notices!
- SUS will be holding a GA coming up soon (Feb 15th)! Us science councilors will do our best to get the word out.
- BASiC has presented a motion to create an Arts and Science Representation on the SSMU legislative council, but this motion was tabled, I'll try to contact them to see if they need any help or clarification.

Ian Clarke – Law Representative

- Looks like the Law Senator elections will be held in conjunction with the LSA elections. This will increase voter turnout and bring out more candidates!
- Bill C-10, proposed by the LSA executive, passed at the SSMU GA Consultative Body
- The LSA will be hosting a town hall on February 8th to discuss the implications of Bill C-10. The end goal is to have a faculty-wide referendum on the issue before Reading Week.
- Missed Bylaw Committee meeting
- Will have Bylaw Book II revisions ready for next SSMU Council meeting