



“The road to hell is paved with good intentions.”
-Saint Bernard de Clairvaux

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (INTERNAL) TO COUNCIL

9 February 2012

Events

Exam-time Puppies. Next week is the first round. Spread the word.

Carnival Bus Trip. This Saturday! There are still some spots available. Come to the Front Desk to get your bracelet.

Faculty Olympics. I have a finalized schedule of events and tentative venues. Artwork has been finalized and posters are going up. We have ten teams and would like about 13. Waiting to hear back from our insurance to confirm everything is ok. Working on finalizing the budget so I can pass it at next week's Executive Committee meeting. There's been a huge amount of enthusiasm from the Faculty Associations, especially the smaller Faculties like Law and Nursing. I couldn't be more thrilled and excited for this event.

Café Conversations. Probably going to pursue a Cafe Conversation about security and police force in the community. Any councillors interested in collaborating are more than welcome to help out. Aiming for something in mid-March.

FlIntern. I'm working with our Community Recreation Intern, whose name is Flint and I want to start calling him “Flintern,” on a few small events. We really want to do some more things in the student lounge to make it more of a dynamic space. We were thinking a video game contest and poetry slam could work. Details coming soon.

Communications

Social Media. Facebook Profile: 2700 (2%). Facebook Page: 621 (4%). Twitter: 873 (6%). The Creative



Listserv. Status quo. Been playing around with new formats (columns, fonts, working hyperlinks, etc) and students have been responding positively.

Website. Status quo. Waiting for translations to be completed. Any day now we will have our bilingual website.

Student Staff Updates

Creative Marketing Manager. Status quo.

Francophone Commissioners. C'est Francofête! For the complete schedule of events, email caf@ssmu.mcgill.ca. There are a lot of literature conferences with visiting professors and small group discussions and film screenings going on over the next two weeks. Also, they will be doing a sugar shack maple syrup on snow event next week in front of Redpath on February 13 during the day. Super excited about this! Felicitations Marie-Lise and Fanny!

Translators. Status quo.

Old McGill Staff. Thinking about restructuring the team for next year to maximize its efficiency. A lot of stress has been placed on the editors in terms of expecting them to help out with promotions. I think this isn't the best way to market Old McGill. Looking in to having fewer editorial positions next year and adding a sales coordinator or something.

Graphic Designers. Status quo. Many thanks to Austin for the Faculty Olympics artwork!

Photographer. Status quo.

Alternative Orientation Models Researcher. Meeting with Akila to outline the project.

Meetings



Athletics Board. I met with the Athletics Board Finance Subcommittee to go over their proposed budget for the coming year. This is a fantastic committee, there were more students present than administrators! Anybody who is curious as to how Athletics spends their money is more than welcome to come see the documents in my office for more information.

Orientation Debrief. Ian Simmie (EDSS) and Leslie Copeland (FYO) and I meet on a regular basis to discuss Orientation 2012. We had a fantastic meeting with Faculty Association reps last week to discuss Orientation 2012 plans.

Campus Community Campaign. Attending a meeting of this events planning committee. It was brought up by President Knight that it could be a good idea to organize a sort of “breakfast with the Deans” where the Deans pass out coffee and muffins (etc) during the exam period. I think it is a great idea, there has been interest shown by Meira Turk, and we are probably going to move forward with organizing something for April.

Orientation Planning Committee. I met with the OPC (First Year Office, EDSS, student reps, advisors) to talk about Orientation 2011 and how we can improve Orientation 2012. The meeting was to present the results of a survey that about 600 first year students took about their orientation experience in 2011. The results? Frosh stinks and needs to be fixed.

Varia

Beer contract renegotiation. Chaired a very successful meeting with reps from the co-signatories of the current contract, the General Manager and the Gerts Manager. We are all on the same page about how we want to move forward. A call for tenders will be going out sometime in the next week.

I can't be too public with details about what is going on as we want all of the bidding beer companies to have the same information. If councillors want more information they are more than welcome to receive it verbally from me! But don't worry, there is a lot of consultation going on and discussions happening with the Faculty Associations about what we want and how we want to move forward. Just to give you an idea of how important this is, this contract affects basically every sip of beer you take on campus for the next three years. Gert's is involved, all of the faculty pub nights are involved, frosh and carnival are involved... it's a big deal.