



Students' Society of McGill University
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November 1, 2011

SSMU Councillor Reports

November 3, 2011

Anna Kourilova – Management Representative

MUS Board of Directors Meeting (Oct. 21st)

- Working on the establishment of an MUS Ambassador fund

Financial Ethics Research Committee (Oct. 26th)

- All research was compiled and sent out, we are currently working on the Ethical Investment Plan and socially responsible investment options, I'm looking into research for the purchasing policy. We will also be addressing the issue of the investment portfolio's future outlook.

Faculty Initiatives

- MUS Referendum: November 3rd-10th
 - Includes student fee increase, Board of Director involvement and voting rights for Academic area representatives
- New MUS website, I will now be posting online SSMU updates (bi-weekly) for greater visibility to the student population
- The MUS Executives and Board of Directors are working on the *Resolution Re: The Augmentation of the Current SSMU Structure in Regards to Legislative Council*
 - Replacement of faculty-elected representatives for faculty association presidents, consequently better addressing issues pertinent to student life. The Legislative Council would become the SSMU Board of Directors, which would hold monthly meetings and have the authority to make binding decisions on behalf of SSMU in relation to events, constitution changes, contracts and program development. The SSMU executive would be responsible for ensuring that that decisions of the Board of Directors are enacted in a timely and efficient manner.

Ian Clarke – Law Representative

The Law Students Association recently held their AGM attended by well over 100 participants for two hours (beat that SSMU GA!). Among general housekeeping, two substantial resolutions were passed. First off, a resolution was passed directing the LSA VP-External (me) on how to publicly oppose the tuition increases. Secondly, the LSA will now publicly support MUNACA during the strike. If you would like more info on either of these resolutions, or on how we got out 1/6 of our faculty, send me a message!



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Laurence Bernard – Medicine Representative

- 1) I attended 2 meetings of the external affairs committee and worked on tasks assigned to me by this committee.
- 2) Prepared a survey for medical students with MSS to explore their current and past involvement in the community and how this will translate into their clinical practice.
- 3) Attended various MSS's clubs meetings

Jamie Burnett – Arts Representative

Departmental Associations

I had the opportunity to meet with three AUS departmental associations, continuing with Councillor Bi's "Reps <3 Deps" proposal. The meetings have gone well and have been informative both for us as representatives, and, we hope, the associations we've been able to meet with. We hope to continue meeting with the remaining associations soon.

When I met with the African Studies Student Association we continued some previous conversations about concerns faced by the program. We specifically discussed possible motions of support at AUS and SSMU Councils, and how best to coordinate with other small programs facing similar challenges.

I met with the Economics Student Association. Much of the discussion focused on the effects of the MUNACA strike on students, and the decision of SSMU to endorse the strike, along with its speedy and fair resolution. Concerns were expressed about the lack of clear, unbiased information made available to students, concerns I hope to be able to discuss during this meeting of Council.

General Assembly

I've put a lot of my time and energy into helping to organize the upcoming AUS General Assembly. Support for the General Assembly is strong, with more than 300 signatures collected in a little over a week. Given that no one is aware of this having gone on in the past, we've had to figure a lot out, but details of time and location should be well-confirmed by this council meeting. I'm happy to provide further information by oral report.

November 10th

As a member of SSMU's External Affairs Committee it's very important to mention the national demonstration against tuition hikes on Thursday, November 10th. Organizing is going on across Québec, and increasingly, across the McGill campus. The McGill contingent will be meeting at the Roddick Gates at 1pm. For more information, go to **nov10.info** or contact Joël Pedneault at **external@ssmu.mcgill.ca**.



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Office Hours

I held my first office hours on October 24th in the Arts Lounge. It was a good opportunity to meet with a number of constituents who had specific concerns, but I mostly spoke to people whom I already know and the time would be much better spent if it can be much better publicized. Any suggestions about ways to make our office hours better known would be much appreciated by all the Arts Reps. My next office hours will be from 12pm to 2pm on November 14th in the Arts Lounge.

Julia Kryluk – Science Representative

- Attended SUS GC meeting on October 20th. Informed students about our office hours, SSMU book fair, updates on MUNACA strike and the Membership List. Reminder of the SUS Semi Formal coming up this Friday November 4th.
- Science's annual Charity fair took place last week October 24th-30th and was successful. Day and night events were planned all throughout the week, all proceeds went to la Maison Bleue.
- Established office hours with Jim and Allison. Our hours will take place Thursdays from 4-6pm in Burnside Basement.
- Helped set up for 4 floors on October 27th and attended, it was very fun.
- Met with Councillor Burnett to discuss the Rally Against Tuition Hikes on November 10th. Councillor Burnett asked if I could help gather students from science to participate. We also discussed other ways to represent our constituency better such as attending departmental council meetings.