

Office of the Speakers Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

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# SSMU Councillor Reports

## December 1, 2011

## Raphael Uribe Arango – Residences Representative

- The Wine and cheese was a success and raised \$888.80 raised for UNICEF. ERC event at champs was immensely entertaining as people turned up in togas and paper bags. Furthermore the IRC held a referendum on the MUNACA strike and decided for a timely resolution of the crisis while also expressing sympathy for the MUNACA workers.
- Additionally Councilor Lessard and I are looking to promote Mob Squad among first years whether in residence or not.
- I will also express deep anger at the police brutality on some of my constituents following the November 10th events. Two of my constituents suffered physical abuse and mental stress as a result of a peaceful demonstration on their part outside the James Administration.
- I am also happy to report that the IRC has agreed to help the SSMU advising group for future events in residence.
- o Currently the IRC bank balance stands at just under \$12,000

## Jamie Burnett – Arts Representative

### General

Since November 10th, things have this odd feeling of both getting busier and slowing down. Aside from final paper panic, it feels like I haven't been as busy as usual, which is partly true, but a lot is still happening.

### External Affairs Committee

The External Affairs Committee met on Friday, November 25th. Discussions included the letter which we were mandated to write, with VP Pedneault given directions to draft a letter according to a set of criteria; an update about research and policy development regarding international and out-of-province students; and a general discussion of the the present situation in Québec provincial politics and the student movement specifically.

Also, the committee discussed the idea of sending a delegation to two meetings of national student organizations. One is a general meeting for TaCEQ (Table de concertation étudiante du Québec, or the Québec Student Roundtable) in Sherbrooke on Saturday, December 3rd, and the other being a founding congress for CLASSE (Coalition large de l'Association pour une solidarité syndicale



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étudiante), a prospective student association coalition in Québec with the aim of coordinating opposition to tuition hikes next semester, in Québec City on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th. It's possible that SSMU will still be putting together a delegation to these meetings at the time of our Council meeting - if you're interested at all in going to either meeting, please contact VP Pedneault.

### Governance Reform

I have been working with a number of students who are interested in potential reforms in the governance structure of McGill that would make it at least marginally democratic. I would be happy to report orally about this project, and anyone interested is welcome to contact me or to go to http://mcgillgovernancereform.wordpress.com/

### SSMU General Assembly Reform

Following up on concerns I expressed at our previous meeting, I have been talking to a number of individuals, including the President at one of last week's townhall meetings, about the direction of GA reform.

### Office Hours

I will be holding office hours on December 5th between noon and 2pm in the Arts Lounge. Tell your friends.

## Angela Herman – Nursing Representative

## <u>NUS</u>

Attended meetings and office hours. Approved letter for office space sent out by our president to admin and hoping to finally have a permanent space in the winter where we can offer more office hours and services throughout the week!!! Currently working with an outside resource to better supply nursing undergrads with the necessary clinical equipment and resources along with a potential increased sponsorship.

### SSMU/SSPN

Sadly no meeting as dear Mr. Plummer is out of town for a hopefully delicious thanksgiving weekend. To resume week 101 planning at a later date.