REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2017

Board of Governors

• Begun attending Board of Governors meetings in May.
  - Attended the May 25th BoG meeting.

• Board of Governors’ Committees:
  - Voting member of the (1) Executive Committee [met a couple of times over the summer],
  - and a voting member of the (2) Nominating, Governance, and Ethics Committee [did not meet over the summer, next meeting is on Tuesday, September 19th].

• Working with MCC (McGill’s Communities Council) on Board of Governors reform. Currently, the MCC is debating on a common strategy for the year.

• Currently part of the joint Board-Senate meeting working group, planning the Board-Senate meeting in November that focuses on the theme of mentorship.

Senate

• Attended Senate Orientation,

• Attended the first meeting of Senate Caucus,

• Attended Senate meetings in May as an observer to prepare myself to successfully serve on Senate since I did not have someone to train me for this role.
Human resources and legal

- Various HR related matters,

- With the help of the HR Manager, Kibi Zhu, I prepared a SSMU student-staff orientation that took place this week (on September 14th and September 15th).

Board of Directors

- In May, due to all of the resignations from the Board and people graduating, the Board approached a dangerous number of members: if the Board was to find itself with less than 7 members (7 = quorum), the Board would have been not functional and the SSMU would have been mandated to go through a summer Referendum to approve members of the Board. A situation that the SSMU would obviously like to avoid.

- As of today, Thursday, September 14th, we have a full, fully-functional Board of Directors comprised of 12 members.

- All of the Board of Directors minutes from 2015, 2016, and 2017 have been reviewed by the SSMU General Manager (Ryan Hughes), GM Administrative Assistant (Michal Chernov), and myself.
  
  o All of the minutes in question have been signed by me and are normally available on the SSMU website for the public to consult.

- **Current goals**

  o (1) working on setting a regular Board of Directors meeting time,

  o (2) making sure that all of the BoD meeting minutes are available to the general public to consult shortly after the meeting (regularly updating BoD documents and board minutes),

  o (3) currently re-starting meetings of Board committees, and lastly,

  o (4) working on a training / orientation for incoming Board members.
Management of relations between the Society and the administration of the University

- Accomplishment: re-establishing a relationship of mutual trust and respect between the SSMU and members of the McGill Administration,
- Planning a leadership and engagement retreat with the other three student societies and the Dean of Students, Christopher Buddle.

Committee work

- Attended meetings of the McGill Health and Wellness Advisory Committee (along with VP Finance and VP University Affairs),
- McGill Sustainability Advisory Committee,
- McGill’s Community Council (MCC),
- LifeAYD,
- Bicentennial Steering Committee [did not meet yet but I met with Gérard Cadet to discuss the role of SSMU in the planning of the celebrations],
- ESAAC (Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee),
- Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Vice-Principal (University Advancement),
- Principal’s Awards Advisory Committee,
- CentreAid,
- MASEC.

Projects

- SSMU specific Sexual Violence Policy [the entire exec],
- Reviving Francophone Affairs under the SSMU [with the VP External]
  - Currently working closely with SEDE and the Quebec Studies Department (QSD) on various common projects such as (1) promotion of the newly established Quebec Studies
Department, (2) promotion and planning for the community building seminar offered by SEDE and QSD // ExCELR.

- Judicial Board Reform [underway].

**Legislative Council**

- Planning of the Legislative Council training, which took place on Saturday, September 9th,
  
- Legislative Council preparations:
  - Gathering of Councillors’ information,
  - Setting the dates for Legislative Council

**Networking and relationship building**

- Student Care Conference (May 24th and 25th),
- SUDS 2017 Conference (August 18th, 19th, and 20th),
- Tabling at Parents’ Tent (August 25th, 26th, and 27th).

**Long-term integrity of the Society**

- Participated in talks about a potential Bike Facility in the University Building with Jonathan Nordland, Campus Space and Planning, and the McGill Office of Sustainability. The previous executive worked on the Bike Facility project.
- Re-started the McGill-SSMU MoA negotiations (with SSMU VP University Affairs).
- SSMU Day Care (varia).

**Goals for the next two weeks**

- Attend the Board of Governors Orientation (Monday, September 18th),
- Roll out free Menstrual Hygiene Products across campus
  - First stop: McConnell Engineering!
- Attend the first Senate meeting of the year (Tuesday, September 19th),
• Attend the McGill Advisory Council on Sustainability,

• Continue developing the SSMU Sexual Violence Policy,

• Attend the workshop on governance for incoming student leaders (admin + VP Student Life + VP University Affairs),

• Francophone Affairs: Quebec Studies Student Association discussion,

• Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Vice-Principal (University Advancement),

• Revive SSMU’s relationship with MASEC & attend the McGill Alumni Association Annual General Meeting and Reception,

• Finalize Board of Directors organization,

• Last but not least: START THE PRESIDENTIAL LIST SERV!

Respectfully submitted,

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