



## Summer Report of the VP Internal

September 15<sup>th</sup> 2009

### 1.0 Communications

#### 1.1 List Serv

This year we will be returning to our weekly listservs. All submissions must be received by 4pm on Friday to ensure a translation over the weekend. Listservs will be sent out on every Monday.

#### 1.2 Translation

This year the society has one translator and she does the listserv every week. She also has office hours where she works on all internal SSMU documents from posters, to bylaws, to website content. We hope to soon start translating all of the forms SSMU has available.

### 2.0 Events

#### 2.1 Frosh Week (August 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>)

Frosh went well, as expected. It was a huge undertaking, as expected. We have received minimal complaints, save a few upset individuals who wanted refunds due to extenuating circumstances. There were some challenges during Faculty Frosh but in the end things were ok. Unfortunately during SSMU frosh our only issues were Weather and Attendance. Sadly, the only two things I could not control.

#### Successes

##### **Sustainability**

This year we instituted mugs and used much less in cup waste. I am very proud of this. SSMU frosh used less than 200 cups in the entire event. We also had a great waste management plan and that was followed up on well.

#### Remaining Issues/ Changes for the Future

##### **Underage Drinking**

This year we established a system for identification of underage Frosh participants. It posed some challenges during faculty frosh, but it all turned out ok. The Frosh underage drinking system consisted of black bracelets worn by those underage. Similarly, SSMU Frosh underage drinking was minimized through a colour differentiation in the bracelet system.

##### **Leader training/ Leader responsibility**

In discussing leader training and selection of leaders, faculties felt it was important to interview leaders before selecting them. As done in the past, leaders are required to sign. Unfortunately, this year there were still many issues with leaders behaviour. Many of them seemed to think they had some sort of "get out of jail free card" and could be abusive to security coordinators and the community

##### **Community Relations**

This year we had meetings with members of the MPCC to discuss our impact on the community. Unfortunately we were unable to follow through on some of our initiatives. I will be discussing further with the faculties what plans will be made during the year to make up for the problems during frosh.

#### 2.2 Street Fest (August 25<sup>th</sup>)

This event was very well attended. Daniel, from the First Year Office did a brilliant job organizing the event. SSMU was a partner in the event and we were proud to have been. It was a great success.

### **2.3 Film & Feast/ Movies in the Park (September 8, 9, 10)**

This was last week. We showed Planet Earth, Casablanca, and The Big Lebowski. The first night we teamed up with the McGill Food Systems Project for a presentation and film. We had local food and it was a great success. Tons of people turned out for this. It was a bit chilly on some of the other nights but we still had a few people. I think this is an easy fun thing and am considering doing it again during the year.

### **2.4 4Floors (October 29<sup>th</sup>)**

4 Floors planning will begin soon. I am very excited. We will be having 4 Floors on October 29<sup>th</sup> and it will be Halloween themed. SSPN will be running this event and we will be looking for servers as well.

## **3.0 Internal**

### **3.1 Athletics**

#### **3.1.1 Home Opener Redmen Football**

President Neilson performed the kick-off ceremony. I was unable to attend but the execs that attended had a great time!

#### **3.1.2 Varsity Council**

Over the summer I met with the Varsity Council President, Tom Fabian. We discussed a number of things, including Varsity Athlete visibility on campus, promotions, Red Thunder(a new club), and the Varsity Fair. The Varsity council will be tabling at the Shatner Kiosk again this year. This provides some on campus visibility for many Varsity teams/games.

### **3.2 Committee on Alcohol Policy**

I sit on this senate sub-committee this year. We had a few meetings over the summer, the next meeting is happening soon. We piloted a few projects this year at frosh including server training badges for graduated students. We cover frosh, responsible drinking, and any other issues pertaining to alcoholic events on campus. There have been lots of interesting discussions on student safety after an event ends (i.e. when they get home)

### **3.3 Beer Contract**

Our beer contract with Boreal expired in August 2009. We spent a lot of time this summer meeting with faculties and beer companies to put together a "wishlist" and requesting and negotiating proposals. This was a long process. We got proposals from Molson, McAuslan, Boreale, and Bierbrier. We ended up going with a very creative joint deal with Boreale and McAuslan and I think it worked out well for all involved.

### **3.4 SSPN**

SSPN (the Student Society's' Programming Network) is starting up soon. We tabled at Activities Night to get some new recruits and it's looking to be a great year. I am hoping to have a SSPN chair this year to help make this committee as efficient and FUN as possible!

Respectfully Submitted,  
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