



Report to SSMU Council

November 12, 2009

The Flu

I was sick for almost all of last week. I missed SSMU deeply. It may have been the cause of my body aches and nausea – it is unclear.

Clubs, Services, and ISGs

Culture Shock – This went really, really well. Thank you to Elise, Indu, and Anna for taking care of everything while I was flu-ed. Attendance was generally very good. The Daily did an awesome interview with Radha D'Souza, one of the speakers – check it out! I am happy to be able to work collaboratively with QPIRG on this event series and provide alternative programming to students from the SSMU.

Artfest – I had my first meeting with all of the arts groups. They were more interested in having something in the Fall semester, as there are some events in the Winter semester that showcase the arts groups – I hope to set the groundwork for this next year. We will also be planning an evening event to showcase all the arts groups in January. Fun!

Relgfest – I am speaking with Hillel, MSA, and other faith-based groups about collaborative events.

Advanced room booking – I am working with the Office Manager to make a streamlined and fairer system for this for next year.

Publications

Old McGill – Dallas, our Communications and Publications Manager, has been doing a great job getting our staff together. We have an Editor-In-Chief, Photography Editor (with two other contributor photographers), a Clubs Section Editor, and an Athletics Editor. We still need a few more editors, but things are shaping up!

Tribune – I am waiting on them to incorporate to move along the independence process.

Building

SSMU office – I have been speaking with VP Ronderos-Morgan about making the SSMU office more welcoming. We are unable to prop the door open due to the security regulations on the card access-system. We are still brainstorming on this.

Interior signage - Pauline and I have planned Phase II of the interior building signage. We will be meeting with Sportmedia to go over our goals and get an estimate.

Exterior signage – The Architecture Advisory Committee suggested minor changes to our proposal. We will be submitting a proposal with these minor changes to the McGill Secretariat at the Office of the Deputy Provost as soon as the revised drawings are done.



Energy audit – The approval has been sent to McGill Facilities. I am really looking forward to working with BPR and receiving the final report!

10 Year Plan for the Building – This is a top priority for me over the next couple of weeks. I would like to present something solid and professional to Professor Mendelson by the end of the semester. I have put together goals and priorities for the plan. I am now working on an audit of the current building usage and recommended renovation plans. This will undoubtedly incorporate recommendations from the energy audit, as well as renovation ideas from myself, our staff, and previous Executives.

Other

Controversial Events Townhall video – Check it out on TV McGill's website www.tvmcgill.com. Senator Woolf and I are featured heavily.

The Internet – I am looking to moving Activities Night registration and Exec Contact Sheets entirely online. This will greatly simplify things for our clubs, be more environmental, and improve the efficiency of our office.

By-Law Book III Changes – Councilors Ma and Omer are working on revising the by-laws on definitions of and process to become a club and a service, a project left over from VP Cook.

Council – As you guys know, one of the things I did when I was home sick was brainstorm and send out 50 open-ended things Councilors can do during your tenure. If you want to follow up on any of those ideas, come see me!

Referendum – Thank you to Ivan and Jose, who covered for a lot of the campaigning for the Ambassador Fee while I was bedridden. I spent the better part of Friday and this week hand-billing and talking to students to get out the vote. I hope and believe our efforts raised voter turnout. Polls close tonight. I'll see you all in Gerts tomorrow for the results!

Respectfully submitted,

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