



**Report of the Vice President (University Affairs) to
the Legislative Council of the Students' Society of McGill University
Meeting of January 21st, 2010**

For Information/Discussion:

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- A. PCPG has commenced its meetings. The government sent down orders to all Universities at the end of last week that the second wave was over and Universities should cease all special pandemic planning. No more big red button. Now would be the time to begin reflecting on some of the measures/recommendations put in place during the pandemic that were generally beneficial to students. I would appreciate any feed back that you have on this that I may take to PCPG or the Student Affairs committees. I have also drafted a general letter of thanks on behalf of students to PCPG, let me know if there is anything specific you would like to include before I send it out on Monday.

SSMU Affairs

- B. "The McGill We Want": www.ssmu.mcgill.ca/mcgillwewant
C. Student Equity Committee: see report.
D. Library Improvement Fund Committee: Will report to next Council. Just getting into our heavy second semester activity at the moment.
E. UAC: Accepting nominations.
F. CAF: I had a lovely meeting with Francophone Commissioner Sarah Marsolais-Ricard to discuss issues relating to Francophone students, French on syllabi, and the McGill We Want.

University Affairs

- G. Senate: January 20th meeting (occurred after the writing of this report)... will report further orally.
- a. Questions asked: Snow Removal on Campus, Athletics Board, Mac Campus Shuttle Bus
 - b. New Senators as of January 19th! Will report orally.
 - c. Senate Caucus: 2 meetings to report on.
 - i. January 12th
 1. Mid-year review: Former Senator Wolf's letter, Goal re-visioning, Plans for student outreach
 2. Proposed by-law revisions: Clearing up some headaches in the areas of re-election of Senators and removal of Senators. Senate has changed slightly since the by-laws were written and we would like them to reflect that. This is still in progress.
 - ii. January 19th: will report further orally.
 1. Senator interviews: 1 candidate for Science Senator, 2 candidates for Arts Senator



2. Senate meeting preparation and strategy.

- H. University Committees: Currently calling out for students. Committee on Student Discipline especially.
- I. Principal's Task Force: See document of priorities. Thank you Execs and Councillor Kerestici for your feedback!
- J. Meeting with the Deputy Provost: President Neilson and I discussed several items with Morton Mendelson and Robyn Wiltshire at our meeting.
 - a. Lease proposal: See President Neilson's report.
 - b. IREF: Money from IREF for the new Bukhman breakout room!
 - c. French on syllabi: Thanks to SecGen Olivia Hoffmeyer for preparing a folder of syllabi without the French clause included. The Deputy Provost assured us that his office would take immediate action. Good times.
 - d. A better system for reporting vacant committee seats to the VPUA.
 - e. Freedom of Speech on Campus: The DP is interested in starting this discussion in Student Affairs committees to get a feel for what/if policies for events can be put into place. This is very preliminary, but I think it is definitely a positive step away from a system where he is given the sole burden of deciding on controversial events.
 - f. Ancillary fees: see President Neilson's report.
- K. ESAAC: Items discussed: Registration in two courses offered simultaneously. NSSE survey. New e-calendar. Undergraduate student retention.
- L. CSS: Meeting on the 18th. Budget Priorities! Will report orally.
- M. CESA: Meeting on the 19th. Will report orally.
- N. APC: Meeting the 21st. Will report orally.
- O. Advisory Committee: I will be continuing my work on the Advisory Committees for the Selection of the VP RIR and the Director of Libraries.

Sustainability

- P. Sustainable Projects Fund: SPF Community Forum, January 26th from 4-8pm. Be there! Currently doing a callout for students interested in sitting on the Fund Working Group. Also providing support for the PGSS while they are preparing for their referendum.

For Approval:

Please do not hesitate to contact me about any topics discussed in this report or relating to my portfolio

Respectfully Submitted,

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