



Report to SSMU Council

February 18, 2010

Councilors – Only 3 more meetings left of your tenure! You should set a goal and achieve it in the next three meetings, whether it be working with a committee on a project, instituting a new policy, anything! This is your time to represent students and do something valuable. Let the SSMU Executive know if you need help or advice – we'd be glad to provide whatever you need.

Clubs, Services, and ISGs

Organic Campus and Midnight Kitchen – New hygiene requirements from Quebec mean these services have to get trained in food safety, as does the Gerts bar staff. We are figuring out who will pay for it.

MFAS – Again Dani has not received a response from the administration concerning MFAS's proposal to go on call throughout the day. President Neilson and VP Dooley are pressing the issue with Professor Mendelson in order to solicit a clear response.

Debbie Yacoulis – I spoke with MSA about Debbie Yacoulis' comment. They want a formal apology and clarification from her. I believe this is entirely legitimate, especially given MSA's past history with the McGill admin. VP Dooley will be addressing this issue.

Club insurance – This is going very well. Many clubs have submitted their insurance forms. The Club Insurance Coordinator is starting to track down the ones who haven't.

Club websites – The Club Website designer has been working on the websites for FYC and Drivesafe.

By-Law changes to Book III – I sent out an announcement about these in my February 9 listserv as required by the resolution. I have suggestions for additional improvements that I will bring to Clubs and Services Committee.

GA – I coordinated between several clubs before the GA. Many clubs were frustrated with the motions presented, with how students treat each other, and with the GA process in general. As nothing controversial passed, I do not believe tension between clubs will increase. However I planned the GA discussion session in order to address the concerns I heard from club members. I hope this forum was constructive for improving the GA process – *will report orally*.

Student Life Survey – I made a quick survey for students to give me feedback for things they would like improved. From the very preliminary results, it seems like the biggest issue is how uninformed students are. For example, one student suggested complained that we did not allow for U0s to be on the Student Government, while another was angry no funding was given



to clubs with less than 100 people, and another asked for an open air pub at the end of the winter semester. I will be compiling all of these results and analyzing trends across campus to create a Student Life Report Card to evaluate how SSMU and McGill can improve student life across campus. If you have any input on this, please let me know!

Publications

Old McGill – Sad news: Arts students' sittings went from 323 to 224 this year. Good news: we are already above our total sales for the book from last year. With the additional sales point at Convocations, we expect to sell almost 400 books this year! The team has been going slowly but smoothly. There will most likely be a last minute scramble to get all of these things together.

Tribune – The lease and contract for use of SSMU's CPM have been finalized and agreed upon by both parties. We went through their budgets for the next 3 years, indexing prices to inflation and including additional insurance and other costs. After analyzing the numbers, we agreed upon a fee of \$3 per student, non-opt-outable. The next step for them will be to campaign and get their referendum question passed.

Building

New equipment and furniture – We have taken stock of our current equipment and furniture. I have submitted several proposals to Exec Committee invest in new equipment and furniture. This is in response to student need. It is important we keep our equipment up to date.

Interior signage – Stage 2 has been completed.

Exterior signage – This is in production and should be installed shortly.

Energy audit – We received the preliminary report from BPR. They have to revise some of the numbers, so these are not final. That being said, here are some highlights:

- The meter McGill has been using to accuse us of using so much energy is actually tracking all the energy used by the Shatner Building and Peterson Hall. We in fact use less than the figures their meters had provided.
- Our top expenditures are heating fresh air (\$127,698), heating envelope (\$51,551), and lighting (\$30,059).
- A summary of the suggestions to improve our energy efficiency:

	Investment	Money Saved	Energy Saved
1) Optimize the lighting	\$47,522.00	\$6,703/year	
2) Minimize the hours for the ventilation system	\$8,184	\$21,628/year	
3) Reduce speed and install new motors for ventilation in area 2, Include temperature control as well.	\$175,505	\$15,860/year	
4) Variable speeds and motion sensors for ventilation in ballroom	\$44,385	\$8,809/year	



5) More efficient heating and cooling via new equipment	\$141,020	\$36,250/year	
TOTAL	\$416,616.00	\$89,250/year	22.90%

I have the report – please feel free to read it. I will present the final version in more detail. I have also scheduled a meeting between myself, President Neilson, the GM, and several members of the Sustainable Projects Fund Committee for after Reading Break to discuss the audit and the potential of applying to the Sustainable Projects Fund. I believe this would be the perfect project to launch this fund with.

Other

Referendum and Elections – These are fast approaching. We have a full docket of referendum questions. We have been working hard to get candidates for SSMU Executive and Council positions. We have two events for this week:

Open Council – Even though all Councils are open, we made sure to advertise this one heavily for Councilor candidates. We hope this enhances awareness and encourages candidates to know about Council before running for it.

Open Office – We had an open office day for people interested in running for SSMU executive positions. We served a light breakfast and discussed our positions more in detail.

Meetings

Happened: Daniel from PGSS (policies), Mookie from Hillel (GA), Tom from the Tribune (lease and contract for the CPM), Steven from the Daily (interview about Debbie Yacoulis), Anais and Abdullah from MSA (Debbie Yacoulis), Jason from Friesens (Old McGill and handbook printing), Anurag and Erin from Student Services (Learning Center proposal), Mohammad from Al Taib (new prices), GA, Exec Committee (x2), BPR and McGill Facilities (energy audit), Aaron from the Daily (interview about energy audit), Dani from MFAS (going on call), Lendon and Shi-Yeon from SACOMSS (budget), Finance Committee, Nominating Committee (selection of FERC advisors), Committee on Student Services, meeting with Principal Monroe-Blum, open office morning for candidates, and GA open discussion

Respectfully submitted,

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