



## Report of the President to Legislative Council

September 27, 2012

### Student Democracy and Constituencies

*Judicial Board* – We should have the final law student Justice in about a week's time. I will be interviewing the "member at large" J-Board Justice in the next week and a half. These will then be brought to Nominating Committee, and we will have a full J-Board in about two weeks' time.

*Council* – Still proceeding well! We will start having "roaming" Council meetings for the next meeting or the meeting after. We will proceed to have a roaming Council every other meeting. The location will be determined in the next few weeks. If you have any suggestions for locations, please send them my way! Additionally, we will be trialing a standard live stream of all Council meetings. We will do this for the next four meetings and measure popularity; continuation of this practice will be based in the evaluations.

*Meet Your SSMU* – This was a great success! We had over 100 people show up. Sorry the food didn't last long, but I think a lot of good conversations were had (and we drank a substantial amount of wine!).

*Handbook* – The SSMU Mobile Handbook will be launching on October 10! Look for it at <http://ssmuhandbook.ca>

*Presidents' Roundtable* – I have had some excellent meetings with the other Presidents. We have talked a lot of Opt-In, Frosh debriefs, areas of collaboration for the year, and much more.

*Elections SSMU* – The staff have been working hard to do some initial elections, including LSA and FYC. Our new software, Simply Voting, is ready to go. New features, like embedding of video in the ballots for GA online ratification, will be ready in the next week or two.

*General Assembly* – Lots and lots of work has gone into the preparation of this. We will start advertising ASAP. Almost everything is in place and ready to go. Start telling your friends about it, and don't forget to mention that they can submit motions up until October 1 at 5pm to [speakers@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:speakers@ssmu.mcgill.ca). We will have an excellent workshop at the start of the GA to go over the basics of Robert's Rules and talk about how a GA works. We will also have a "mood watcher" to ensure the conversation remains productive and safe. There will be several "info staff" walking around to help students who get lost in the procedures or who have questions about whatever is going on. I have booked alternative spaces as overflow space just in case we have large turnout. Motions will be published on October 2.



## McGill Governance & Relations

*Lease* – For discussion in confidential session. Lots of work to be done and lots of areas for good conversation. This year will be extremely interesting and lay the framework for an evolution of SSMU.

*Board of Governors* – I have my first BoG meeting this week (during Council...). Working on ways to integrate the general student voice more. I also hopefully have a presentation for next semester on how student societies at McGill operate and work together.

*Senate* – We had our first Senate meeting last week. It was fairly dry, but went well. We should follow up on the implications of Bill 100 and how that will affect front-facing student services.

*Alumni Association/Campus Community Committee* – I will have a more full report on the status of my work with the McGill Alumni Association and the Campus Community Committee in my next report. There are quite a few cool areas of collaboration that have the potential of greatly benefitting students and student life at McGill.

## Sustainability

*Environment Commissioner* – Environment Committee off to a good start. Decent amount of turnout and some great ideas generated. They will be meeting every week on Tuesday at 5:30pm in the SSMU Boardroom. All are welcome to attend.

*ECOLE* – Meeting soon to get updates!

*Green Events* – Will start analyzing frosh very soon.

*Green Building* – Will be meeting with him soon!

*E-Waste Bin* – I have been working with Dave and Allison on the installation of an e-waste bin. It will collect small e-waste products (CDs/DVDs, ink, cell phones, batteries, etc.) and will be a first at McGill. It will cost 650\$/year for a three year contract, and I think it is an excellent project to move forward with. Building Committee will be taking the project forward!

## Human Resources

*Student Staff for 2012-2013* – We have been working hard to provide a solid framework for student staff to succeed in new ways this year. We have implemented a new workplan system that allows staff across the board to identify common areas of collaboration. The workplans also provide a good way for staff to track their goals and monitor progress. It's been a great way to empower staff to get their projects done in the short time they have at SSMU!



*HR Policy and Bylaws* – We are almost finished reviewing the first draft of the changes to the HR Policy.

*Archivist* – Excited to see the project unfold. In the mean time, it might be a cool idea to start dreaming of ways we can use the archives for each of our portfolios. For example, when PGSS completed their archives, they produced a report that outlined their student fees for years into the past and to the present. This allowed them to have an in-depth perspective on how their fees have evolved. If we can think of projects like this now, we can incorporate them into the entire project.

**This week!**

- LadyGA-GA (the theme of this year's GA is Lady Gaga, she will be performing live)
- Reading up on everything that is BoG and Senate (to prepare for the year!)
- Starting my live exit report
- Working on Orientation Week brain dump/transparency report
- Finishing up Vibe for staff and council
- Booking up solid time for me to actually get work done during the day...
- LEASE!!!

Peace, love, and happiness,

Josh Redel  
*President*