



**Report of the Vice President (Clubs and Services)  
to SSMU Legislative Council**

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(written January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.)*

Office hours: Mondays 3-4pm, Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm

PERSONAL

Already seriously questioning my decision to take Calc this semester... lol.

SHOUT-OUTS

- JOSH !! – The SEAMLESS summit was sososo productive and wonderful (not to mention well-branded) – he put an unbelievable amount of work committed to making this thing a success and it definitely paid off.
- Emily!! Clubs fair in rez!! So cool it's actually happening! Can't wait!

CLUBS, SERVICES, and INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

**Winter Activities Night 2013: SSMUfest!** The complete schedule has been posted in the SSMU listserv, on the website, and in Daily/Delit ads so hopefully you've seen it ☺ tell any clubs you know/are part of to come to all the workshops! As for the Monday night more-traditional-activities-night event (kickoff to the week of SSMUfest activities for clubs...!), it's gonna be AWESOME (although scared of how cold the weather will be as a deterrent for attendees...) – so many groups will have food, great workshops lined up, and some seriously cool and very varied performances all night, 5:30-8:30pm! Final logistics for this have been taking up most of my time lately for sure. Let me know if you want to volunteer to help greet people/hand out programs/etc!!

**Club Applications:** Didn't get quorum at the last IGC meeting. Enbal (IGC) is finalizing the new full status applications as fillable pdf's!

**Office re-Allocations:** Finalizing these tonight hopefully; it really just involves sorting out a few pending issues from last semester (so it's a really nice process to have just for that opportunity...) and kicking out interim clubs.

**Lockers:** This is still unfortunately pending til the new lockers arrive. I'm excited though to revamp the whole system at that point though..!

**CKUT:** Next board of directors meeting next week, nothing new really since then except that they're awesome.

**Listserv:** I've gotten into a nice routine now of sending it out weekly; also starting a services-specific listserv that I hope to send out weekly as well.



**“Clubpedia”:** So excited to actually get to finally for real launch the long-awaited informational website for club execs during SSMUfest next week!!!!!! This is the project that WAS called the “Club Hub,” but as the whole project was stalled when that name was confused by a bunch of SSMU office staff with the club *portal* idea (and if the name confuses our staff – the most knowledgeable people on campus about ssmu clubs/etc...!! – then lord knows it’ll confuse students too..!) we have decided to officially rename the formerly-known-as-club-HUB project the “clubpedia.”

**Club Portal – the new Club Hub project!:** This is still the most exciting thing to me and what I hope to be my solid C&S legacy..! Finishing req specs document to hopefully get some interesting proposals and quotes from software developers. GONNA CHANGE EVERYTHING.

**Services:** So excited for Friday’s “Services summit/roundtable” event!! Also have several specific issues-based meetings with services this week (MSERT, Walksafe, MK...) and also really excited to be working with Pauline and Natasha (Gerts manager) on integrating the Plate Club more institutionally into our events workflow with the new SSMU alcohol event booking procedures! Plate Club dream come true.

### PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES

**Advanced Room Bookings:** still working out conflicts and all sorts of other issues that have come up, like ensuring we are enforcing Players’ Theatre’s quiet hours, and that MiniCourses bookings are consistent.

**SSMURBS:** Still strange bugs popping up (like misplaced boxes/bookings) that make it incredibly frustrating to use. Trying to finish up our contract with the developer as soon as possible and to then hopefully start another contract for the new features/ideas that have come up during this process, and then for the CLUB HUB!

### BUILDING PROJECTS

**Ramp renovations:** Attended a very interesting meeting on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> with Pauline at the McGill campus planning office with the architects of the ramp renovations project; their design looks great and they are really open to student feedback which is wonderful. Yknow the wheelchair ramp at the main entrance, and how it’s completely rusting/falling apart/there’s a board lying there to cover the big hole under it..? That’s the one they’ll be replacing. The architects are proposing a single wide ramp (rather than the two that exist awkwardly next to each other now) (so you can walk up to the building with a group of friends!) and a fancy etched glass wall to hold the railing on the outside, with a local Quebec cedar slatted thing along the cement wall (of liquid nutrition) to add some warmth to the front of the building. The guiding vision of the new design, they said, is night security – like not feeling closed in/dark when you’re walking down this ramp at night. Fun to hear architects go on and on about the cultural value of our beautiful “historic” building!!



**Room 418/MSA/etc:** Met with the Muslim Students' Association about their space needs; we will pursue a bunch of different temporary and hopefully more long-term options.

**General building maintenance:** Wallace (SSMU Security Supervisor) reported last week that there is literally a hole in the building in Lev Bukhman (where you can see outside through the heating vent!)....the cement slabs on the side of the building could be crumbling? Also we've been dealing with several more incidents of flooding from pipes breaking (in Lev last week and currently [??] in the basement). Sooooo that's a problem. Also please note the upcoming weird building hours during Reading Break.

### COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

- Gardens & Grounds Committee** – meeting later in the month
- Committee on Student Services** – learning some interesting new stuff about student services and other McGill units having to pay a percentage-based fee to McGill's central budget for HR charges and other overhead... something to look into more..!!
- Interest Group Committee**—no quorum ☹
- Student grievance committee**—SQ
- SSMU Office Social Committee**—all the best ideas for staff bonding from our wonderful office party planners ☺
- C&S rep check-ins:** want to institutionalize this as a Vibe workspace and also a real committee.. perhaps the services review committee?
- SCIAG: co-curricular record project advisory committee**—they are beginning a phase of mass student consultation... still, SSMU CANNOT SIGN ON TO IT for so many reasons.
- Vision 2020 steering comm**—not sure exactly what they are trying to do at the moment; seem a bit lost about how to make all the consultation they've been doing into real projects. Great energy but hard to work with a lack of cross-community consensus...
- Building committee:** Most excited about this – FINALLY some terms of reference will hopefully be coming for your approval (and the appointment of a councilor with a flexible schedule...) at the next Council..!

### OTHER EVENTS/MEETINGS ATTENDED in the past two weeks:

- SEAMLESS summit!** Getting most faculty association execs from across campus together in one room is so incredibly valuable/productive and should certainly happen more often..! One big idea coming out of Sunday's conversations was to establish a cross-campus policy for student group affiliation/accreditation that would make it easier to share resources across faculty associations and SSMU amongst groups that we can all recognize the legitimacy/home of.
- Referendum-question-writing:** a good deal of my stress/energy in the past few weeks was spent in confusing phone calls with various McGill admin-y people and going through research compiled by SSMU Expert Claire about how fees like



the student services fee are approved. Legally, SSMU can decide to approve a fee (or not) however it wants, essentially, but historically (thankfully) it's been SSMU's choice in the past to decide about fees by putting them to referendum (get the whole student body [hopefully] to vote). Interesting/big implications in terms of who pays for yes/no committees etc...!

- I can't recommend Gerts breakfast enough. We had a wonderful exec bonding breakfast before work the other day ☺ breakfast burrito + scotch egg (!!!!) = perfect breakfast. Well done, Natasha & the Gerts team!!
- Couldn't make it to the club audit info session I organized with JP and Sandy because I had the flu, but heard it went great!
- Josh invited the execs to a GA planning meeting – so many great ideas to make it better, such a challenging event to pull together..!
- Thanks to the execs who were texting me in my frantic flu/feverish state to make me feel like I was still a part of the Winter Council retreat! Still want to hear about the C&S discussions more fully..!
- I am very excited to announce that I have set regular biweekly hour-and-a-half meetings with Pauline for the semester to finally tackle those much-needed, long overdue real concrete by-law book III changes!

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Flu-ooper/Cooper.