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## Councillor Reports

Reporting for February 7, 2013

### **Benjamin Beland – Athletics Representative**

Varsity Council Executive Meeting – January 23<sup>rd</sup>

- The meeting was amongst the student executives and was meant to get everyone on the same page in terms of the upcoming trivia night at Gerts (February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30).
- We also discussed the varsity brunch that took place on January 16<sup>th</sup> in Tomlinson Hall.
  - Around 150 people showed up which was around the same as last year.
  - We brainstormed ways to boost attendance, most of which came down to increased awareness and possibly starting the event a little earlier.
- We talked about the upcoming referendum question regarding the athletics ancillary fee and how we would approach campaigning.

SSMU Council Meeting – January 24<sup>th</sup>

- Several speakers were present including Mr. Drew Love, executive director of Athletics who spoke about the Athletics Ancillary fee and answered questions about the current financial situation of McGill athletics.
- There were many notices of motion including the Athletics Ancillary fee referendum question.

Student Athletics Council Meeting – January 25<sup>th</sup>

- First meeting of the semester was meant to get everyone reacquainted and up to speed with the various things taking place in and around McGill Athletics.
  - Varsity Council reported on the Athletics Gala (April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn), the Varsity Brunch and the Blood drive that took place in November.
  - Campus Recreation Council let us know that both Active Living and intramurals are up and running.
  - I reported from the SSMU front and let people know about the upcoming general assembly. We left the topic of the Athletics Ancillary Fee for further down the agenda.
  - Inter-Rez Council discussed the possibilities of increasing the Rez involvement at different varsity games.
- The different subcommittees all reported what they had been busy with since the last time we had met and upcoming projects – particularly the upcoming projects for the facilities committee and the status of the Molson Field resurfacing.
- We spent the majority of our time discussing the upcoming referendum questions regarding the Athletics Ancillary fee and the necessity of such an increase.

### **Colleen Morawetz – Arts Representative**

**SSMU Committees**



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- Interest Group Committee - Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Arts Rep stuff**

- Set office hours for this semester → Mondays 2:30-3:30 (posted all Arts Rep office hours on the blog, and sent them in to AUS listserv)
- SSMU updates up and running on the Arts Rep blog, we've been reporting SSMU decisions and issues to AUS council

### **Re: Cutting 100 Arts Courses**

- The Town Hall was good for answering a lot of people's questions, now on to the next step
- Had a meeting with Arts Senator Max, AUS President Devon and Associate Dean Lane-Mericer to discuss the process and implication of these cuts
- A very interesting meeting; cuts are going to be happening over the next two years or so and the decisions are going through individual departments now (i.e. through internal curriculum committees). The most important step for us as Arts students is to ensure that all the student reps on these committees are centralized in some way, and consulting with Arts students in these departments in order to ensure effective representation. A ton of work to be done in the internal structure of the AUS! We have time to address these cuts, but we need to reorganize ourselves in order to meet this challenge (seeing how these cuts are going to go ahead with our without our approval, we have to be involved at the next step)

### **New project**

- On that note, I've been meeting with the other Arts Reps and AUS VP External Brian to discuss fixing some of these holes in the institutional fabric of the AUS. Hard to have representation on all faculty committees when this responsibility doesn't fall directly under anyone's portfolio. The fallout of this is that since there's a constant changeover in student positions, we're always one step behind and lacking the institutional memory to actively contribute to the vision for the Faculty of Arts (we end up reacting – e.g. on the course cuts)
- Solution: we're planning a motion for a bylaw amendment (looking at creating a fall referendum for a constitutional amendment) to create a new position to liaise with the Faculty. Still in the early stages – setting up a meeting with the Dean/Associate Deans. Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or ideas!

### **Victor Lam – Arts and Science Representative**

-Week has been busy with preparing information on Senate representation: kudos to BASiC President Finola for taking such great initiative getting everything together!

-OIKOS Project: been working lately with the McGill Chaplaincy, such as tabling at SSMUFest and on other occasions. We've been focusing lately recruiting members and getting the word out there about an upcoming interdisciplinary forum!



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-SSMU Summit on Student Space: Special shoutout to Allison and Josh for holding this 5 hour summit together! It was a great time to hear diverse student voices on how student space should be in the Shatner Building and around campus!

-Combining Two Cultures Conference on interdisciplinary Education at University of Waterloo: Spent last weekend co-facilitating a working group there on sustainability.

### **Devin Bissky Dziadyk – Science Representative**

Intro to Quebec week! Sounds like things happened, although not as smooth as could have been. Will work on for next year

LIFC: Had a meeting, consultation is rolling out. If you have any recommendations, shout em out! External affairs: Trying to find ways to broaden the consultation with students. A date has been announced to the education summit, so now things get interesting.

FOPS: Café is happening. Met with Anna on friday to work out potential designs, and went to the strategic summit on student space to see what is going on. Meeting happening this week so hopefully some progress on the student run cafe can be made.

### **Shannon Rea – Education Representative**

Here are a few things that I have done over the past couple weeks:

- Attended an EdUS Council meeting and an EdUS Executive Council meeting.
- Organized the Education Career Fair that took place on Monday February 4, 2013
- Organizing Education's first ever Charity Week (February 11-14)

### **Farzan Subhani – Engineering Representative**

- Attended EUS Council
- Helped organize the simulation sessions for MSFC
- Organized skiing trip for MPSA
- Working on the cafeteria design for SRC, still need to get an Architecture student on board

### **Sarah Southey – Residences Representative**

- Busy with ticket sales and plans for upcoming FYC IRC club event on the seventh at Club LaBoom, tickets sold out in less than a week!
- Athletic council meeting, discussed having a game with discounted tickets for rez student, this Friday tickets are 2\$ for the hockey game if you're in rez
- Planning arts gala; karaoke night at Gerts on the 23

### **Sophia-Maria Giannakakis – PT/OT Representative**



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POTUS: Attended exec and POTUS meeting on that day. I got an endorsement from POTUS in support of the motion to Increase the Diversity of Student Representation on University Senate!

Along with President of BASIC, Finola Hackett, we prepared a survey to send out to PT/OT, Nursing, and Arts and Science students to gather their opinions regarding the motion. Also, working on a wheelchair basketball game to hopefully take place in March and I am super excited just planning it!!

SSMU: Attended council on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Lots of notices of motion! I attended the SSMU Summit on Space for about an hour and there were some great ideas.