



Report to Council
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“We’re going to need a bigger boat” ~ Jaws

I had some great meetings and discussions in the last few weeks about Research, McGill Policies, students’ academics etc. all across campus.

Research

Research Projects

- Indigenous Studies Researcher → Allan and I are meeting Wednesday – Verbal update to come.
- U1 Research → SQ – got to talk to some of the seamless crew
- Internal Protocol → SQ
- Mapping McGill/ Corporate Campus → Working with Mitch on this – trying to incorporate it into what he’s doing, as well as our own Sustainability Coord.
- Sustainability and Equity Researcher → Cam will be presenting at this week’s council!
- McGill 101 → Also working with Mitch on this!

Senate

- Drafting a number of questions for this month’s Senate, they are focusing on Course Evaluations, Policies on Assessment (not an official Senate Q but speaking with Admin), the role of an Advisor
- If anyone has an issue or question they’d like raised, please let us know! ☺

Senators

- Tuesday meeting we will be drafting questions together as well as prepping our responses to the “Values” statement from McGill.

Committees

- APC was literally 30 minutes last week. But I suggested that we discuss Online Education at a future meeting, which the committee was receptive to.
- Nominating committee was this morning. Changes to Terms of reference for Joint Board Committee and potentially Committee on Student Services – both for the better.

Greenbook Review

- Meeting this Wednesday to review changes. Verbal update Thursday.

UA Sec Gen

- Compiling Senator goals



- Working on updating our part website with the CPM – it's going to be more interactive with discussion boards and informational videos etc.

Libraries

LIF

- Great meeting last week with LIF Committee. Adverts will be going out this week and white boards for discussion etc. We are going to hit as many libraries as possible to get feedback. The backgrounds of McGill computers will be changed in many libraries to get people to give direct advice/ suggestions

Friends of the Library

- Meeting today – verbal update to come.

Equity

Equity Committee

- Worked on clarifying and beefing up the Equity Fund suggestion
- Mainly working on planning for the Equity Conference which is FEB 15!
- Still working on awesome workshops that are coming up
- We have new Equity Posters that are going up all throughout the building – be sure to check them out!

SSMU

Lease

- Verbal update in confidential session.

Consultation Fair

- There is one on Feb 20 about the McGill Statement of Values and Principles

Awards of Distinction

- SQ

MART (McGill Academic Round Table)

- Meeting later this month! If you have any academic issues please consult with your VP academic and they can bring them to the table.

SARC

- Next SARC meeting is next week (our schedules didn't jive for this week).
- They will be taking on some new requesters this semester especially during referendum period.

Policy Committee



- SQ

Council

- Mandates discussed throughout my report

General Assembly

- Has been moved. But it's going to be AMAHZING

Bursaries

- SQ

Healthy Living Campaign

- Excellent meeting yesterday with people from student services, food and dining, and athletics to brainstorm ideas for the campaign. Essentially we will be pooling our resources in order to best serve students during the exam period. Moving forward it will (hopefully) be a sustained project that encourages students to pursue healthy living options in life, not just during exams.
- If you have suggestions for de-stress tips, eating healthy, or easy to do exercises please contact me or VP Internal!
- It was suggested that SSMU start its own Health & Wellness Committee. Thoughts?

Academic Rights

- Touched on this topic briefly with a few admin around McGill and I even get the sense from them that this initiative is a positive step forward. It is us at SSMU to explain these university rules and regs and to clarify them.
- Right now I'm compiling the relevant policies and docs and figuring out the best platform. It will likely all go on the SSMU website in an interactive way.
- We (execs and senators) are also pushing the University to better disseminate and advertise these policies as well as enforcing them.
- SARC and Policy Committee will be working on this as well!

SEAMLESS

- SQ

Daycare

Updates

- Amy, Pauline and I meeting next week to discuss SSMU/Daycare relationship

HR

- Looking for a new Academic Research Commissioner! If you know anyone who might be interested please direct them this way: <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/job-postings/>

McGill



Deputy Provost

- A bunch of elected student representatives met with DPSLL last week where we discussed the budget cuts, student affairs policies – like advising, grading etc., course evaluations. We actually had a really good discussion because I think that office is finally starting to see some of the cracks between policy and practice and how students often suffer because of it.

Asbestos Planning Committee

- Upcoming meeting next Friday

Protocol

- So now this is the Values Statement. Senators looking at it tonight. If you have anything you'd like us to specifically comment on let me know!

McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board

- VP Szpejda and I were very vocal in the meeting about how transparent athletics has to be, and how students really feel about these types of levies.

Research Integrity

- I've gone through many of the research policies at McGill to see if there are any rules specific to Military research. Insofar as I can see, there aren't. However I am meeting with AVP Stroud (RIR office) on Friday to discuss this topic
- Moreover on Friday I will be attending a forum hosted by MAUT on Academic Freedom which will touch on funding revenues and the independence of the researcher.

Undergraduate Outcomes

- I will be distributing out terms of reference and more info for each of you so that you can help Councillor Rea, Finola and I to gather info!

If you'd like to make an appointment and/or are interested to see what I get up to, you can see my calendar here: <http://bit.ly/ssmuua> Also since elections are coming up, if anyone would like to talk about being rules and responsibilities of Senators or UA let me know!

Respectfully submitted,

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