



Report to Council  
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*“Yield not to calamity, but face it boldly” ~ Virgil*

It's been a busy couple of weeks at SSMU. I apologize for not being at Council – I am tending to family matters in Toronto. If you have any questions feel free to contact me by email.

Have a great time in Rez ☺

### **Research**

#### *Research Projects*

- Indigenous Studies Researcher → Great meeting with Allan.
- 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 → SQ

### **Senate**

- Long, intense and good Senate meeting!
- 3 questions were asked by SSMU Senators this week:
  - The university will be working harder to address the issues surrounding enforcing policies on instructors with regards to academic rights
  - We discussed the current Learning Management System and how certain professors don't use it effectively, or at all.
  - In response to Prof. Mendelson's response to the Course evaluation question; we will be endeavoring to change the Course Evaluation policy to extend deadlines through the exam period.
- Lengthy discussion about the Budget. It was mainly a consultation for the Provost. Everyone around the university is extremely distressed, and rightfully so, about these drastic changes.
- We passed a motion at Senate saying that Senate is against these cuts. It is along the same line as the motion passed at Board of Governors.

#### *Senators*

- At Monday caucus meeting we formulated a letter to the Provost and VP DiGrappa about the protocol which will be sent to their consultation site as well as published publically

#### *Committees*

- APC was good – changes and approvals went to senate and passed.



*Greenbook Review*

- Met last week to review. The finalized proposed changes will be coming to caucus and various other groups for review before it goes to senate.

*UA Sec Gen*

- Compiling Senator responses to Protocol as well as our suggestions for Assessment policies

**Libraries**

*LIF*

- Gathered lots of consensus and great project ideas for the fund. The committee met with Diane Koen from Libraries last week. And there are a few plans they have that we may contribute to.
- Overall great discussion at our meeting. Looking forward to our future projects.

*Friends of the Library*

- Went to the Library Mardi Gras party which was the BEST party. The Diminished Faculties were playing and there were masquerade masks and sugar cane to eat.

**Equity**

*Equity Committee*

- Excellent Job and applause to the Equity commissioners and committee for organizing a successful Equity conference!

**SSMU**

*Lease*

- Update in confidential meeting from the Execs.

*Consultation Fair*

- Please go to the FEB 20 one on the Protocol Values and Procedures!

*Awards of Distinction*

- Ads going out this week on through social media and website.

*MART (McGill Academic Round Table)*

- SQ – issues brought up at our last meeting our being dealt with at Senate

*SARC*

- I was unable to attend our last meeting unfortunately.

*Policy Committee*



- SQ

#### *Council*

- Have fun in Carrefour!

#### *General Assembly*

- Finished my GA presentation for everyone.

#### *Healthy Living Campaign*

- Received some initial pointers from Health services. I know budgeting times are crazy for everyone so I will be talking to them more this week to get more data.
- 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*

- Once we've had a bit more of a discussion at Senate I will be working with SARC and Policy committee to work at summarizing relevant policy documents in a meaningful way so that students understand them
- After Prof. Mendelson's response at Senate we will also be working with Dean of Students on this!

#### **Daycare**

##### *Updates*

- SQ

#### **HR**

- Get a job! <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/job-postings/>

#### **McGill**

##### *Deputy Provost*

- President Redel and I met with him last week. Update from him

##### *Asbestos Conference Planning Committee*

- Rescheduled for Feb 25

##### *Protocol*

- Caucus is making a response. I again encourage you to send in your thoughts to the University.

##### *Research Policies and Procedures*



- I am going to create a document explaining the relevant research policies. I think this will help clarify a lot of issues surrounding Military research etc.
- Met with AVP Stroud about research policies and procedures. She explained everything extremely clearly. I will be formatting a presentation explaining everything clearly.

*Undergraduate Outcomes*

- This work group has been put on pause due to budgetary constraints. The group will still be working and in touch over email; but we can't speed ahead as much as we would have liked.

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>

Respectfully submitted,

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