



Councillor Reports

Reporting for March 14, 2013

Benjamin Beland – Athletics Representative

- Varsity Council meeting March 11th
 - Discussed problems with the Varsity Weight room and made suggestions as to how we should address these issues.
 - There will be a Varsity Council executive position available for next year and nominations/speeches are going to be heard next meeting. For more information, contact me or your VC rep.
 - Motion to officially change the titles of the VP's of the executive so that they read simply "Vice President of Varsity Council"
- Blood Drive, Tuesday March 19th
 - Blood drive was organized by Dr. Ross Andersen's Health & Fitness Promotion Lab
 - Special thanks to everyone who donated and helped set up.
- Athletics Gala
 - Athletics Gala will be on April 11th at the Holiday Inn on Sherbrooke street, right near campus.
 - Tickets are on sale! See your Varsity Council reps or coaches.
- Athletics Ancillary Fee Yes Committee
 - Spent some time raising awareness about the issues facing McGill Athletics and reminding people to vote
 - Like to send a huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the Yes campaign and everyone who took the time to vote
 - Extremely happy to report that this referendum question was passed – congratulations to everyone involved

Colleen Morawetz – Arts Representative

1. Committees

- Faculty of Arts committee; discussing such topics as space allocations within Leacock and a follow-up on course cuts. Scheduled for Tuesday the 26th (should be contentious!!!)
- IGC this week

2. Office Hours

- Going well! Got some people to come which makes me feel SO VALIDATED! Discussing mostly Faculty of Arts admin stuff

3. Departmental Engagement

- Meeting with a bunch of AUS councillors/departmental association reps about concerns over space allocations - discussing the People, Processes and Partnerships initiative undertaken by the faculty (HUGE issues to be taken care of: substantive student concerns and procedural aspects about the lack of coordination between the AUS, departmental



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associations, and faculty administration)

4. Other AUS stuff

-Continuing to iron stuff out with other AUS councillors about potential structural changes to the AUS - e.g. faculty liaison position, the idea of an "AUS vision board"...still pretty up in the air but we should have something more substantial in the next few weeks.

Farzan Subhani – Engineering Representative

I don't have much to report from this week. I was busy with campaigning.

However, I did:

Prepare a report for Operations Management Committee

Helped budget the MSFC Blues Pub

Was in Toronto two weeks back and hence missed EUS and SSMU Council

Campaigned for Senator and WON!!!

Sarah Southey – Residences Representative

- Intense organization for mission to mac campus, happening on Saturday March 30, includes trip to arboretum sugar shack, lunch, tour of the dairy farm, bar in the evening
- Also busy organizing giant game of capture the flag on Thursday March 28 on campus with glowsticks
- In the works are pool party, community engagement event and exam care packages
- Intense discussions about holding another club event, whether or not to have open bar, going to be held April 6 at Lamouche, decided on no open bar
- Looking forward to office hours next week

Nicole Georges – Arts Representative

AUS AFFAIRS

→ ELECTION RESULTS:

President: Justin Fletcher

VP Academic: Colleen Morawetz

VP Finance: Samuel Higgs

VP External: Kareem Ibrahim

VP Internal: Enbal Singer

VP Communications: Lucy Liu

VP Events: Paul Laughlin

Arts Reps to SSMU (3): Ben Reedijk, Steven Curran, and Sue Jeong

→ Referendum Questions:



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Renewal of the Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund: Yes (85.1%)
Increase in Fee of the Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund: Yes (70.0%)
Question Regarding the Addition of a Permanent Employee and Increase in the AUS Base Fee: Yes (69.9%)
Regarding the Renewal of the Arts Computer Lab Fund: Yes (72.4%)
Question Regarding the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society (AUTS): Yes (72.1%)
Question Regarding Equity in the AUS: Yes (84.7%)
Referendum Question Regarding Adding the AUS Environmental Council Representative to AUS Legislative Council: Yes (87.5%)

→ ***EXCITING AUS EVENTS THIS WEEK!!!!***
VOLUNTEER WEEK ALL WEEK (MARCH 25-29)
ADVISING FORUM: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
NUIT BLANCHE: Thursday, MARCH 28

SSMU AFFAIRS

By-Law Review Committee

We have a meeting this Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

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.
- Ran the EdUS council elections. We had a great voter turnout and our referendum questions passed to renew our Education Improvement Fund.
- I apologize for missing last week's council meeting but I had parent-teacher interviews for my 4th Teaching Placement.
- Participated in an awesome Faculty Olympics.
- Participated in the SAPEK Cup, first time ever for EdUS.
- Our next 4a7 is April 11 in the EdUS lounge.
- Helped run the Education Town Hall, we had a lot of good student feedback and administration support.

Zachary Rosentzveig – Clubs and Services Representative

- Congrats to incoming President Larson and incoming Vice-Presidents Shea, Harris, Farnan, Hofmeister, and Fong!
- C&S Rep elections were on Monday. I wonder how that went (suspense!).
- FUNDing Committee has finally finished going through all applications, including Club Fund.
- The Funding policy book was a lot of work and is before Council today for first reading.
- I'm continuing to work with VPs Briggs and Szpejda on creating summer jobs for funding- and club-related research and improving the audit process.
- Travel Guide researcher



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- Community Calendar project organizer

Sophia-Maria Giannakakis – PT/OT Representative

POTUS- The wheelchair basketball tournament, which was hosted by POTUS, took place on March 22 to fundraise and raise awareness for Parasports Québec. The event was a success and there was a nice turnout.

The PTOT fashion show took place on March 23 organized by the Grad Committee. The organizers did a great job with the event and I am glad I had a chance to be a part of it.

SSMU- Attended council on March 14. Attended the Madeleine Parent room naming ceremony on March 12 which was a lovely event. Also, I voted in the SSMU elections and so congratulations to both the SSMU executives and Senators that have been elected!

Victor Lam – Arts and Science Representative

-NiRC – big kudos to Wook Yang and everyone on the NiRC Committee, and Ben Fung, BASiC VP Academic for pulling this together! It was a great success, especially having such a cool professor from Japan talking about humanoid robots!

-Referendum, SSMU Exec Elections

-First Arts & Science Senator EVER! And congratulations to the other programs like Nursing and PT/OT for having their first elected, dedicated Senators!

-SSMU Rep nominations/Endorsement

-many coming to me for questions and asking for it – really glad many ArtsScis are interested in serving Arts and Science students and SSMU! So excited for BASiC Elections!

-SASSS (Student Association for Sustainability, Science, and Society) – working with a few others on planning an end of the year consultation and social event for this super small program!

-OIKOS – Recently wrote an article in the RADIX magazine! Go check it out!

-Exit Report – in the process of compiling an exit report

-Committees:

-FERC – Meeting on Monday to catch up some of the discussion before Reading Week

-By-Law Review – Meeting on Wednesday

Andrew Baker – Law Representative

1. Since last council:
 - Governance Committee
 - The LSA Governance committee has finalized its report and submitted bylaw changes to Council concerning Access to Information and Budgeting Processes
 - LSA Clothing
 - The deadline for the final order will be March 29. I will also send out a final reminder to those who have not picked up their orders so that we can sell any leftovers.



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- SSMU Election Publicity
 - Despite the general impression that law students are apathetic to lower campus happenings, the Faculty of Law was tied for highest turnout!
- 2. Continuing Tasks:
 - SSMU committee responsibilities; I will be doing some research for SSMU's response to the Education Summit for the External Affairs Committee
 - Working on the LSA's submission for Faculty of the Year
 - Preparing a transition report for the incoming LSA VP-External

Shannon Herrick – Senate Caucus Representative

SUSA (and AFSG)

Follow up projects/ work groups on consultation fair last term
Electronic advising tools work group
 Software: students book their own appointments
Recognition program for advising work group
NICATA Conference
 Presentations
 Putting one together on the consultation fair
 Survey results
 Motivational student posters
 Peer education
 Leadership development
mcgill.ca/consultation has project tracking
 “like an advising craigslist”
Faculty Advising Consultation Fairs
 Working with undergraduate student groups
Academic advising survey
 Of advisors= completed
 Of students= to be done
 Already drafted, should be released soon
Academic advising into a virtual world
 How McGill compares IT wise
 Potential for mentoring software
 Translation of websites into French is free initially as long as it is maintained

Science Faculty

Candidates for degrees BA/Sc doubled
New Program: BASC intrafaculty cognitive science major and honors specialty
 BASc integrative courses
ATOC liberal, major, minor, and honors program with options
 Reduce overlap
Biology major quantitative option
No gym for finals



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Construction on reservoir
Renting 2nd floor of Scotia Bank theatre w/ funky desk attachments

Senate

- Mental health degradation proportional to increase in enrollment
 - 2012-2013 Fall term: 25% increase in student's using services
 - 14 students in the hospital last term
 - Concerned about wait time—guarantee treating emergencies immediately
 - Never turn away any student
 - Clinical groups for anxiety and depression
 - Well-attended workshops
 - Top priority to meet growing demands
 - Possibly outreach?
- MOOCs w/ EdX
 - Senate endorsed ASAP= innovation as cross-cut theme
 - Had specific reference to EdX
 - Saying it was presented via protocol but final decision was not Senate's to make
 - Senate does not approve contracts
 - Based only a philanthropic sources
- Senate composition and qualifications will be put under review for the first time in 20 years
- Open discussion about student and professor relations
 - Conclusion: some classes will always be big, some will be always be small—
yeaaaaahhhh!
- Approved statement concerning freedom of expression and peaceful assembly
 - Conclusion: Senate hates drafting from the floor and would rather pass something that needs more work

Shane Anzovino – Nursing Representative

- Office Hours: still on hold
- NUS meeting: forthcoming
- Project: Public service announcement on seniors risk for depression and suicide.
- NUS Elections planning (New this year using online voting)
- Collaborated on writing the Motion Regarding Amending Voting Rights after the Re-allocation of Senate Seats

Devin Bissky Dziadyk – Science Representative

- Went to SUS meeting. The issue of equalization (How the SUS distributes money to smaller departments) came up, and there is some talk of it being reformed. If any of you know how you distribute money to the smaller departments within your own faculties, let me know!
- FOPS: Been writing surveys. Starting to compile all of the work that has been done this year
- External Affairs: See all them motions! Also need to do research with regards to student aid funding. I really want to get my stats on.
- Library improvement fund: We have a funding committee length meeting coming up in a few



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weeks that sounds like it will be... fun.

Brian Farnan – Arts Representative

Executive:

- AUS and SSMU Elections have finished!
 - Crazy time for all of us thank you for your patience
 - Congrats to all the winners!
 - The AUS Executive next year is actually amazing, SSMU get ready for them!
- Also for those of you sticking around next year, start considering these positions! Although I have complete faith in the uncontested positions (actually complete faith) competition will improve the caliber of candidate so start thinking about this ahead of time
 - (This is to do with AUS Departmental elections)

ACE Committee:

- Next meeting will be this Sunday
- Difficult couple of weeks with election season, but had planned this ahead of time with a nice buffer before our next event
- Going to start on the design/marketing work for the event and will hopefully have most, if not all, of the details sorted out after our next meeting
- It will be April 11th at Gerts so keep the date free!

Community Outreach:

- Have been in communication with Margaret Guest and will be attending a Green Business event this weekend
- Also managed to get a contact of a group at McGill looking to bridge the gap between the students and Montreal community initiatives so excited to look into that

External Affairs:

- Met with Helene the representative for the Milton Parc Community
 - Productive meeting and great chatting with her, she is happy with the progress McGill has made on a whole this year and looks forward to working with us next year
- Volunteered for the SSMU St Patty's Day Street Teams
 - On St. Patrick's eve, volunteered for the street teams that wandered the Milton Parc Community and helped people out (bottled water, emergency numbers, walks home etc.)
 - Amazing initiative hope to get AUS more involved with it next year
- Attended an event with Devon that was run for Faculty Executives and was attended by HMB, Provost, Deputy Provost
 - Very productive event
 - Wish it was longer so we could get into the topics brought up but enjoyed it nonetheless

Transition!!



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- Transitions have started with incoming External
 - Meeting planned for the 28th
 - Will be doing multiple meetings in the next couple weeks
 - Centered around April 6th “Transition Day” in which all AUS incoming positions will meet with current Executives
- Also have planned meeting with new Arts Reps to SSMU (will have taken place right before Council!)
 - The entire AUS team is looking forward to serving with next year's SSMU Councilors!