



Report of the President to Legislative Council

March 14, 2013

Student Democracy & Constituencies

Judicial Board – J-Board is working with the Equity Committee on a project to better make the equity process available to students at large.

Council – We have to move the March 28 meeting somewhere because of Nuit Blanche, and the Secretaries General are working on a place to hold it. Ideas for locations are welcome! The Principal will be coming to this meeting as well for a nice 30-40 minute open conversation section.

Faculty Relations – The SEAMLESS wiki is live and waiting to be populated! You are all welcome to submit content. Also, I will be working with each exec to get a framework going for Portfolio Roundtables. We are starting this weekend with a VP Finance transition plan meeting to discuss ways of better transitioning and training this position across faculties! More later...

Elections SSMU – Special Referendum is a go! The schedule will be available for approval. Start encouraging people vote when the ballots open!

General Assembly – One of the Secretaries General is producing a thorough final report. I am gathering all of the physical materials and capitably invested purchases we made so that next year's exec can use them without buying new stuff.

Governance Document Review Process – The newest constitution looks pretty good and does a nice job of taking our concerns into account. I don't think it needs another review by legal counsel, so the By-law Review committee will work on it this Wednesday!

Orientation Week/Frosh – Status quo.

Winter Projects – Status quo.

Handbook – The SecGens will be starting the documents for the new Handbook app for next year.

SPACE – SO AWESOME and having so much fun with Allison on this. The website is up and running in full. Start encouraging people to participate! This has taken up a huge amount of my time in the past three weeks. More verbally...

Daycare – Status quo.

Mental Health/Healthy Living Campaign – The Secretary Generals will start working on research into this very shortly. We will be working with Haley to talk about a big series of events for exam season this year!



McGill Governance & Relations

Lease – For discussion in confidential session. This has taken up an incredible amount of my time as well.

Board of Governors – Nothing new as of recent; will report on anything from meetings between submission and today's Council meeting.

Senate – Status quo.

Alumni Association/Campus Community Committee – Status quo.

Sustainability

Environment Committee – The environment commissioners and members of EnviroComm are working on the Sustainability Policy Implementation Plan, which will be ready for the Council by the end of the semester. It is going to be a really great, comprehensive document. As soon as a draft is ready, I will be sure to send it around.

ECOLE – Hiring is still underway for the next set of coordinators. We will then move full swing into finding a house to be home to Phase 1 of ECOLE! It's getting really exciting and day by day seems to fit quite well into SSMU's projects and mandates.

E-Waste Bin – The environments team is working on promotion for the e-Waste campaign!

Vision 2020 – Making it Real event was great, but to me highlight how the project will struggle a bit... There are so few people that really understand how McGill functions, and this was evident with the people present at the table. It's not a bad thing, but it will make the project take a bit longer (also because many of the proposed projects are already well under way in different forms...).

Sustainability Caucus – Going strong!

Human Resources & Executive

Executives – We have all started working on our transition plans for May. We also have our first attendance report as part of this report. I've booked French lessons for the incoming execs for over the summer, and we have really worked hard to evolve exec transition past the really awesome new plan that was in place last summer.

Tribune Ad Sales Agent – I will start working full force on helping the Tribune find a permanent staff member to help with ads and general management.

HR Policy and Bylaws – Status quo.

Recruitment for 2013-2014 – Recruitment for student staff for 2013-2014 has commenced! Keep an eye out for the postings; there are hundreds of great jobs available!

Peace, love, and happiness,

Josh Redel

President, 2012-2013