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Lily Tong – Engineering Rep

Dates: up to September 25, 2013

Office Hours

1. Set up office hours: Wednesday morning 9am–10am and/or Friday morning
10am–11am in the EUS office, or booking by appointment

Communication with previous representatives

1. Talked with the following people about Divest McGill and asked for their opinions on the issue:
 - a. Farzan Subhani (Engineering senator)
 - b. Anna Cybulsky (previous Engineering rep)
 - c. Bryan Gingras (VP External on EUS)

Within Engineering faculty

1. Attended Club Fair and introduced myself to club representatives
2. Plans to raise political awareness within faculty: drafted two ideas
 - a. “Trivia Tuesday” at FrostBite – answer a questions about campus issue correctly and get 50% off your purchase at FrosBite on Tuesdays
 - b. “EUS general assembly at Blue’s Pub – Beer version” – post-GA Thursday night at Blue’s Pub, where students vote on one of the latest SSMU motions by choosing designated color-coded plastic cups. For example, red and blue cups will be prepared at Blue’s Pub. If you vote yes, you buy a red cup of beer, if you vote no, you buy a blue cup of beer.

Waiting for approval at the next EUS meeting.

3. **McGill Engineering Competition**: helping with their logistics and budget for the upcoming event
4. EUS retreat coming up this weekend



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Student Opinions

1. Feedbacks from many students saying Trottier's heating system does not supply enough warmth during the winter
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Billy Liu – Clubs and Services Rep

- Looking forward to first Funding meeting on Monday and upcoming meeting for Community Engagement!
 - Spoken to clubs I've been a part of and some common questions:
 - Club funding for this year/deadlines
 - Offices
 - Briefly attended the Meet Your Representatives event and talked to the VP Finance for the Macdonald Campus Students' Society, explaining a bit the role of legislative council.
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Sophia–Maria Giannakakis – Physical and Occupational Therapy Rep

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SSMU

- Attended the SSMU retreat. I met some awesome councillors and senators. I am excited for all the projects to come this year.
- Volunteered at the second day of Activities Night.
- Attended the first SSMU legislative council on September 12th. Nominated and elected to sit on Steering committee and Awards of Distinction committee.



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POTUS

- Attended 1st POTUS meeting on September 16th. We went over all the dates for the events of the 2013–2014 year. The executives introduced their projects and what they have been working on during the summer.
- Attended the POTUS executive meeting on Sept 4th. We reviewed what we had worked on during the summer and we reviewed all the events for the year.
- Attended a meeting with Sarah C. Marshall, the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy (SPOT) director's academic associate, in order to get up to date with faculty and staff. The meeting was attended by POTUS executives and SPOTPGSS executives.
- Met with Sarah C. Marshall, one-on-one, in order to go over the Sitting Volleyball Tournament and the PT–student clinic.
- As a group leader for the sitting volleyball tournament for Community Engagement Day on October 4th, I have confirmed the reservation of the Currie Gym, confirmed the attendance with l'Association sportive et communautaire du Centre–Sud (ASCCS) and advertised the event through Facebook, POTUS weekly newsletters, and class announcement. The sitting volleyball tournament is a collaboration between the Social Equity and Diversity Education (SEDE) office, POTUS, and ASCCS.
- Announced my office hours on Wednesdays from 12:30–2:30 at Coach House in the POTUS office.

Élie Lubendo – Clubs and Services Rep (outgoing First Year Rep)

First Year Council –

September 5th – Had our first meeting of the year to discuss constitution changes, final implementations, exit reports, and upcoming elections.



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September 10th – Tabled for the SSMU First Year Council at Activities Night, along with our VP Events and VP Internal, Ida and Annie.

September 13th – Met with Brian Farnan and Katie Larson, along with our VP Internal Annie to get the new first year list and also to discuss possibilities for a SSMU First Year Council Mailchimp account for our listservs.

September 13th – I attended the SSMU First Year Council Info Session for first year students who were interested in running for office. Our team and Elections SSMU presented on the basic logistics of the election and the role of the SSMU First Year Council.

September 19th – Our team met with Ben Fung, Elections SSMU Chief Electoral Officer, to discuss some confidentiality issues.

September 21st – Worked on finalizing a notice of motion for a First Year Council fee levy.

Clubs and Services –

September 6th – Helped out at the SSMU Office to work out some of the table allocations and to cut out the passes for this year's Activities Night.

September 6th–8th – Attended the SSMU Legislative Council and Senate Fall 2013 Retreat.

September 8th – Helped out at the SSMU Office, along with Stefan and Audrey (Activities Night Coordinator) to finish the table implementations and to call clubs, services, and other external groups that had not paid for their tables yet.

September 10th–11th – Helped setting up and taking down for Activities Night. I also volunteered at the fourth floor to meet my new constituents.

September 12th – Attended the first SSMU Legislative Council meeting of the year.

September 14th – Worked on two motions regarding the Interest Group Committee and the Services Review Committee.



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September 20th – Attended the “Meet Your Representatives.”

Coming up:

September 25th – First Funding Committee meeting of the year.

Catherine Chen – Music Rep

As the VP External of the Music Undergraduate Students Association (MUSA), I attended the MUSA executive retreat this past weekend from Sept 20–22. At the retreat we went over our council procedure, as well as goals and upcoming events for this school year. I also held office hours in the MUSA office (E-106, music building) on Tuesday Sept 17, from 12:30pm–1:30pm, and will continue to do so every Tuesday for the rest of this term.

As the music representative, I received an email from the NorthBridge Media Group, advertising about a "free 20 minute performance" by one of their artists for the McGill student body. I forwarded this email to Brian, VP Internal. I guess they assumed that "musicrep" means I handle music/entertainment...

Devin Dziadyk – Science Rep

- First SUS meeting of the year. Thus far there has been a serious push to get the science SSMU reps more integrated within SUS, which can only help communication between the two bodies. We now are sitting in on exec meetings and have access to the office, etc. This is a much needed improvement compared to last year, where we existed in an essential void.
- Many good conversations at the meet your student representatives.
- Library town hall was scarcely attended from what I heard. Showed up an hour late (My bad) but still got a chance to talk to the dean of libraries, who is quite high up on my list of nicest mcgill admin.



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- Talking with VP Shea about different options for the laptop lending program, which seems to be sorely missed on campus. If you have any ideas, throw them in!

Justin Fletcher – Acting Arts Rep

- A new Arts Rep will be elected by Oct. 8.
 - For information about my activities as AUS President, please view my report to AUS Council: <http://ausmcgill.com/en/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/President.pdf>
 - AUS passed a motion against the new gates at the Milton Gates and will be releasing a letter soon to express such a position.
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John Simpson – Law Rep

Law Swag

- One of the jobs that falls within the purview of my position is the sale, ordering, and distribution of McGill Law apparel.
- Our first order of sweaters for the incoming first year class arrived in early September and everyone has picked up their orders.

Executive Retreat

- The Law Students' Association Annual General Meeting is coming up on October 9th (doesn't conflict with the SSMU AGM).
- The retreat this past weekend allowed us to sit down and hammer out the final details of our budget and policy for the year to come.



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CADED (Confédération des Associations d'Étudiants en Droit Civil)

- Includes: McGill, Université de Montréal, Sherbrooke, Laval, UQÀM, and uOttawa.
- I have met with the VP-Externals (or their alternative) from all the other civil law faculties on three different occasions, as well as their Presidents on one occasion. The last meeting was Friday, September 20, 2013.
- The goal of the meetings has been the creation of a joint civil law conference that would invite all students from the various civil law faculties to attend.
- Tentative dates for the event are the 7th-8th of February, 2014.
- Speakers, themes, etc. have yet to be decided.
- If there are any other specific questions, I would be happy to discuss.

SSMU

- Excited to be sitting on the SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee.
- Looking forward to welcoming the SSMU VP-Internal (Brian Farnan) to sit in on an LSA Council meeting in the near future.

General overview of my position

- As VP-External of the Law Students' Association (LSA), I am part of a 9-person executive team.
- My job is to represent the LSA in all external functions except relations with the law firms (that is the exclusive job of the VP-PR).



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- A few examples can be seen through my report: relations with the rest of the faculties at McGill through SSMU, as well as relations with other law faculties in Canada, through bodies such as CADED.
- I am also involved in all the decision making of the executive.

Joanna Lynsdale – Nursing Rep

- Referendum question regarding increasing fees to remain a part of the CNSA has been submitted to the DP. We are still waiting to hear back for approval.
- I was elected as Chief Electoral Officer.
- We now have all our members of council elected.
- We are trying to decide whether we will be making a statement regarding the Charter. We are considering holding a General Assembly.
- We have our office again in the basement of Wilson Hall and our office hours have been set.
- Our budget for the year has been approved by our council.
- Our next meeting is next Friday, and they will be bi-weekly there after.

Courtney Ayukawa – ArtSci Rep.

Attended "Meet your representatives" event -- met 1 Arts & Science student; chatted with other Councillors

Shall attend BASiC meeting Monday evening at 7:30pm -- will set up office hours and location with BASiC at that time

Drafted a brief message about the Art Sci Rep position, my contact info, and coming office hours to be sent out in the next BASiC listserve



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Zachary Rosentzveig – Clubs and Services Rep.

- First Council is done. Congratulations! Having fun yet?
- CAF: Waiting on VP Internal to confirm commissioner hires, then will get to work having loads of fun.
- External Affairs: coordinating first meeting
- IGC: Expecting first meeting
- Funding: First meeting will have happened by Council. Expect announcement of funding deadlines. I'm looking forward to preaching the gospel of the funding policy.
- Activities night was AWESOME! Great opportunity to go around and connect with clubs young and old!

David Benrimoh – Medicine Rep.

The following is a record of my council-related activities in the last two weeks:

1. I made a class announcement encouraging medical students to attend Activities Night
2. In that same announcements I reminded them what SSMU is, why it is so important, and the fact that I represent them on SSMU Council
3. I attended a meeting of the Executive of the Medical Student's Society. I reported to them on the non-confidential aspects of the last Council meeting.
4. At that MSS meeting, we decided to hold a referendum on the issue of the Quebec Charter of Values, so that I could take an official position on it. We are expecting to come out opposed to the Charter.

In these next two weeks I plan to do the following:



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1. Set up a MedRep facebook account or page in order to reach out to my constituents
 2. To send out a survey regarding motions relevant to my constituents so that I can gauge their sentiments and plan my votes accordingly
 3. To generally work towards increasing awareness of SSMU and SSMU services through the MSS listserv, conversations with constituents, and class announcements.
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Rohan Sachal – Science Rep.

- Attended SUS Exec Meeting and GA on September 18th

At SUS Exec Meeting:

- At the meeting, Frosh was brought up and ways to better it
 - After Frosh finishes, all the froshes go around with O-staff and clean up the surroundings/bottles.
 - Also put some garbage around the frosh zone areas in order to avoid a lot of street littering
- Science Career Fair- need to get a room booked from SSMU for it

At SUS GA Meeting:

- Discussed about the upcoming FUSS (Freshman Undergraduate Science Society) elections
 - September 23 – nominating period
 - Oct 7–Oct 9
 - Meet the candidates = October 8
 - Voting period= Oct 10–12
 - CRO– Rachel Simmons



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- I will be on board helping with the FUSS elections, as the FUSS President last year
- Brought up Mental Health Committee that I am going to be a part of at the GA
- A member brought up the possibility of including mental health coverage in the medical care plan McGill offers
- Aside these points, being a Councillor has been very interesting to say the least.
- My Groupwise and Vibe account have finally started to work
- Upcoming meeting for the Community Engagement Committee this week

Kabir Vassanji – Management Rep.

Hi fellow councillors and executives,

I'm Kabir, one of two Management Representatives to SSMU. I am excited to work with all of you this year.

In my position, I have two key accountabilities. I will be sitting on the Operations Management Committee under VP Finance & Operations, Tyler Hofmeister, and representing the Management faculty at SSMU council.

This role further entails engaging our student body through regular office hours and updates, and sitting on the MUS Board of Directors. Aside from our individual responsibilities, the BoD also collaborates on many initiatives. We implement our 5-year strategic plan, hold regular meetings to discuss developments and operate in committees. The MUS committee I sit on is the Constitution Policy committee, where we review the MUS constitution and enact amendments wherever we deem necessary.

Councillor report from the last two weeks:

Last week the MUS held a referendum, where faculty students could vote Yes/No/abstain on the following:



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Renew the \$40 fee for continued funding of the Career Centre
5\$ levy increase to help the MUS sustain operations, services and events
Introduction of an Alumni Council which would collaborate with the MUS BoD
Representative voting within majors/concentrations
Math/Stats rep on BoD – Giulia Cantoni

To increase voter turnout the MUS held a free BBQ the day of the referendum for students who proved they had voted in the referendum. We are awaiting results as of September 24, 2013.

Haley Dinell – Religious Studies Senator

Most of my duties carried out in the last week were that of Senator. I attended Senate itself as well as two committees: one on teaching and learning, the other on student affairs policy committee.

Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep.

During the last two weeks, I held my office hours on both Wednesdays around lunch time. Unfortunately, I did not get much action during those office hours. I started to encourage some engineering students to come to the General Assembly; I know that generally engineering students are more interested in decisions taken by the EUS and departmental councils. Therefore, this is a good opportunity to promote interest in SSMU. I was supposed to have a Funding Committee meeting on Wednesday the 25th. However, there was a last minute change to the schedule, and I could not attend the meeting at the newly appointed time. My other committees have not had any meetings yet. Thus, I have nothing to report to council about committees. I have not had any EUS meetings yet either. My council retreat is coming up this week-end. I have tried to get informed on my role through the executive members. However, my role and the structure of EUS will become clearer after next week-end.
