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Carolyn Booth - Social Work Rep

SWSA Update:

- We had a town hall meeting on Jan 29. Lots of unresolved problems. Major lack of staffing and funding for resources (especially advising).
 - Retreat happening this coming weekend for all BSW students.
 - The executive is starting to plan elections for next year's executive.
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Lilly Tong - Engineering Rep

Report #2: 2014/02/01

EUS

1. I have recently become a member of 2020 External Relations committee on EUS.
2. EUS elections are happening soon and campaigns for various positions have started.

Tech Week

I plan to attend the tech fair on Wednesday, February 5th held in New Residence Hall, where many engineering students will also be attending this event to seek employment opportunities and summer internship opportunities.

Motion Submission

I have been assisting a student in submitting a motion and trying to get it in for the GA, regarding removing cover charges for charitable organizations that host events at Gerts.

Joanna Lynsdale- Nursing Rep

- Went to the SSMU Winter Retreat on Tuesday January 28
 - Unfortunately I had to miss the NUS meeting on January 28th
 - At this meeting we finally received our prize for the team raising most money at the Run for The Cure in October
 - We had a formal dinner event at L'Academie on Thursday January 30th! It was a huge success and everyone had a great time!
 - We have officially re-vamped our office!! Come check it out sometime (in the basement of Wilson Hall)!!!
 - My office hours are Fridays from 12:30-1:30
 - Our 2014-2015 election date has been set for March 25th
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Billy Liu - Clubs Rep

- Rez Activities Night: held Jan. 22 and 23 from 5:30-7:30pm in the New Rez Study Room.

Positives

- ~40 clubs confirmed interest in the event (no double-tablers, which is really great!)
- Most clubs were really excited about the night; good opportunities for recruitment from first-years and general awareness of their club.
- Students were able to interact more closely with the clubs present.

Negatives

- More advertisement/better advertising on the day of.
- Second night was way slower than the first.
- Students seemed uninterested in going given that the SSMU Activities Night was a few days before.
- Funding Committee: met last week – not too many applications were in so it was relatively quick. Pretty sure this week will be much more hectic with the deadline being this past Friday.
- Community Engagement Committee: met... had a fire alarm and then I speaker phoned the rest of the meeting. Sorry for leaving Sam, Kareem, Taylor and Trisha!
- Office hours: Mondays and Wednesday 11:30-12:30.
- Super interested with the motion for the TPP Campaign – spread the motion to similar groups like Friends of MSF and UAEM.

Anikke Rioux- Engineering Rep

EUS

- Last council, we passed a motion that aims to improve the elections for EUS. We have created a committee (Elections EUS) that will be working all year instead of just the winter semester. A “guide” was created to give potential candidates a better idea of what these positions really entail.
- TechWeek was all last week. This consists of a series of tech talks, debates, discussions, activities about sustainability and such. IT ALSO MEANS FREE LUNCH AND SUPPER! I went to approximately 5 or 6 activities; I think it all and all went well.



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- I had my first EUS 2020 Governance meeting. We are looking into restructuring many things like council, exec portfolios, etc. If any of you have any recommendations from your faculties based on something working for you, holla at me.
- I missed my first EUS 2020 External meeting due to class ☒
- We have Techfair this week. Many employers will be present. Talk to me if you're interested.
- Nomination period has started: Watch out. I'm running again.

Funding

- *Let the madness begin.* Yep. That's right; funding deadline was last week. This means long long long meetings to come for us.
- We had a meeting last week which actually only took an hour or something. We started taking care of early applications.

LIFC

- No meetings lately.

Athletic Roundtable

- Never heard from them. Beginning to think they don't want me ☒

GA

- I have been promoting the GA to the best of my capacities. I have successfully got the GA on the Pipeline (EUS listserv) & TeN (the TVs in McConnell). I have contacted all engineering departments (including architecture). Unfortunately, I got very few responses from VP Comms. I have only had confirmations from MAME & CHEE.
- I have invited all my facebook friends.
- I have put the GA thing as my cover photo using cute animals in my description to get people here. Hopefully, people don't see through my clever manipulation techniques.
- I feel like I've done other things, but can't think of them. So let's just call the rest *etc.*

Catherine Chen - Music Rep

- my office hours are now set for the term: Mondays 1:30-2:30 in E106 of the old music building
- Jan 29: attended SSMU winter retreat
- Jan 29: attended MUSA meeting
- Jan 31: submitted application for Campus Life Fund on behalf of MUSA



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John Simpson - Law Rep

CADED

- Dates for the event are the 7th-8th of February, 2014
- I am still waiting to hear back from the SSMU Funding Committee about my request for funding
- There are approximately 300 students confirmed to be attending
- If there are any other specific questions, I would happy to discuss

Memorandum of Agreement

- The LSA has just finished signing a new MOA with McGill

SSMU

- I am sitting on the SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee
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Sue Jeong - Arts Rep

AUS Council

- VP Academic's Report on course cuts
 - Approximately 50 courses will be cut
 - 75% of McGill's core operating budget goes to salaries, pensions, benefits...budget cuts mean less fault to teach courses
 - What can we do? What are we going to do?
 - Increase student input on prioritization list of courses

Arts Student Representing

- Tabling Event next week in Leacock Building, Feb. 10th
 - Timbits and coffee will be served
 - Arts Representatives and Arts Senator Wine and Cheeses
 - Feb. 18th, 6-8 in Arts 160
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Sophia-Maria Giannakakis - Physical and Occupational Therapy Rep

SSMU:

- January 20th: Attended Steering Committee.
- January 20th: Toured Activities Night. Good job VP Fong!
- January 23rd: Attended SSMU council.
- January 27th: Attended GA Steering committee.
- January 29th: Attended SSMU Winter Retreat.

POTUS:

- PTOT games were the weekend of January 25th. We brought home the trophy once again!!!!
- We will be hosting the PTOT Games next year and so I have become VP logistics for the new PTOT games planning committee. We had our first meeting on January 29th.

Zachary Rosentzveig - Clubs Rep

- FUNding committee: Clubs Funding deadline has passed. The apocalypse is nigh.
- IGC: SQ
- External: Many interesting conversations regarding TaCEQ & Laurent Proulx case sure to continue at Council!
- CAF: I count 21 months without a meeting

David Benrimoh - Medicine Rep

MSS:

- Attended MSS meeting. Discussed constitution revision. Promoted SSMU GA.

SSMU business:

TPP motion: Amended motion, spoke with Friends of MSF McGill, who have launched a GA publicity campaign for the motion



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Edited Mental Health Policy.

Devin Bissky-Dziadyk - Science Rep

- SUS GC: SQ
 - Been working on the SUS constitution with the president and Sarah Southey. Some serious holes need to be fixed.
 - Steering: upcoming
 - prepping for GA, super stoked about some of the motions coming up.
 - FOPS: meeting dates have been set. Liking foreword to seeing the sales from the nest!
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Taryne Landry - Athletics Rep

I have no updates to report as our last SAC (Student Athletic Council) meeting was in late November. Our next scheduled meeting is on February 10th, 2014.

Lola Baraldi - Arts Rep

AUS

- Arts Community Engagement: discussing projects for February. Potentially a dodge-ball tournament to raise funds for charity.
- Meeting next monday with Deputy Provost and AUS VP Academic to discuss feedback channels available to students and the possibility of revising current structures or implementing a new system of anonymous feedback.
- Arts Reps & Arts Senators Wine & Cheese! February 18th, come eat, drink, and chat with us!
- Going to tour departmental councils with fellow Arts Reps

SSMU

- No news for ad-hoc GA and ad-hoc sustainability committees
 - Been promoting the GA, very excited! Haven't heard/seen much promotion on campus but still hoping for a good turnout.
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Élie Lubendo - Services Rep

January 24th-27th – I was unable to attend to commitments due to being away in Guelph, Ontario for a case competition.



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General

January 29th – I attended my session for the Council Winter Retreat.

January 29th – I met with the SSMU First Year Council Executive team to further discuss the process of their referendum question if it goes through at Council.

January 31st – Submitted motion regarding rescinding Council decision on Dec. 5th.

February 2nd – Interviewed by the McGill Tribune.

Office Hours

January 28th – Nothing to report.

January 30th – Nothing to report.

Ongoing: Committee meetings to continue.

Kabir Vassanji - Management Rep

The MUS has officially introduced a new constitution. The most significant change is the replacement of academic area reps with academic year reps on the Board of Directors. The other positions, including President, SSMU reps (2) and Management Senator are unaffected. The executives (Vice-Presidents) are appointed by the incoming Board of Directors.

In other news, the MUS is hosting another party for Valentines Day at Telus Theatre. Physical tickets (selling for \$20) are almost sold out; online tickets are \$25.

Ben Reedjik - Arts Rep

- AUS reps will be tabling February the 10th in LEA! Come stop by!
- Also, we are holding a wine and cheese on the 18th! Also come stop by!
- About 50 additional arts classes are being cut next year, again due to budgets. This was discussed in AUS
- In my report to AUS, I was repeatedly asked about #FarnanGate. While I could not provide many answers due to confidentiality, I got the sense that AUS members are concerned over the controversy.
- Edited the Mental Health Policy, Friday meeting cancelled because it needed heavy editing before we looked over it again.



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Kareem Ibrahim - Arts Rep

Campus Community Engagement

- Work is underway!

Arts Community Engagement (ACE) Committee

- Planning embrACE Volunteer Week for late March along with a charity sports tournament

Accountability Committee

- Reviews are underway

Referendum Period

- Polling Period/Time: Thursday, March 13, 9 AM – Thursday, March 20, 5 PM
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