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Joanna Lynsdale- Nursing Rep

- Attended the By Law Review Committee meeting on Thursday March 20
 - Campaigning period is currently happening for elections. Campaigning ends this Wednesday evening. Voting starts online Thursday morning. We're having an event April 1 to announce the winners and hold live elections for unfilled positions.
 - Our Council Meet & Greet Event on March 11 went well- relatively good turnout and people enjoyed the pizza & beer after!
 - The NUS has received a big kudos from the ISON for our stance against the proposed Charter of Secularism. We are currently sending it to various media outlets (including SSMU listserv!)
 - We have selected the President for the Nursing Games Committee for Nursing Games 2015 at McGill (held at the Douglas Mental Health Institute)
 - The NUS & NGSA Wine and Cheese last Thursday March 14 went well
 - Our annual Sugar Shack event is coming up on March 29
 - The nursing blood drive is happening on March 25 at the athletic center in collaboration with SAPEK
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Sukhmeet Sachal - Science Rep

SSMU Councillor Report March 27, 2014

The past two weeks have been literally all about elections

In regards to SUS,

- 1) Elections finished and the new exec, along with the SSMU Science Reps for next year have been elected in. A great group of individuals and so SUS is looking in great shape for next year
- 2) I could not make the SUS exec meeting regarding meeting the new exec for next year, as I was away at a volunteer dinner for 5 Days for the Homeless
- 3) Another exec meeting this upcoming Wednesday (and a GC on Wednesday most likely as well)

In regards to SSMU,

The elections finally finished after an intense campaigning period. Congratulations to all the new exec elected (and the returning exec, Stefan)



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It was quite shocking to find out that most students voted NO for the Building Fee increase, but after finding out what all this fee entails, many students are having second opinions on their votes. Will there be anything done to see if there could be a possible re-vote for this Building Fee?

Carolyn Booth - Social Work Rep

SWSA Elections March 24th. Campaign week was March 17-21. Lots of students are running. It was quite an exciting week. New exec will be announced March 31st. Yours truly is running for president- fingers crossed!

Social work inter-university colloquy is taking place March 28-30. Lots of guest speakers and students arriving from other schools. McGill is hosting this year's colloquy.

Had cohort placement meetings this past week discussing the disconnect between stages and field placement classes. Hopefully there will be follow-up regarding that.

Had a meet-and-greet with Dr Nico Trocme, who has been nominated to be Director of the School of Social work.

Sophia-Maria Giannakakis - Physical and Occupational Therapy Rep

SSMU:

- March 10th: Attended Steering Committee.
- March 13th: Attended SSMU Council.
- SSMU Elections: Congrats to the elected!!

POTUS:

- March 14th: POTUS Wheelchair Basketball Tournament 2014! Great success!! We raised awareness and fundraised 570\$ for Parasports Quebec. A big thank you to Parasports Quebec for showing us what an awesome adapted sport this is and how empowering it can be to many people. This year 60 competed and the winners were the Rolling U3's!!



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- March 15th: POTUS Fashion Show! Unfortunately, I could not attend, but I heard it was great.
- Short meeting to discuss PTOT games 2015. Status quo.

OTHER:

- March 20th: I gave a speech at the McGill MForum Conference. It was a 15 min. speech thanking the management staff at McGill for the great work that they do and how students and staff could interact with each other.
- Working on a film screening event on March 25th for Emmy-Award winner Lisa Russell.

Anikke Rioux - Engineering Rep

LIFC

- We have had two meetings in the past two weeks and decided on many things. (Such efficiency!)
- First meeting, we went over a proposed renovation of part of Redpath, potentially funding 1st floor bathroom renovations (only if McGill creates a gender neutral bathroom), adding seating to Schulick
 - Redpath Group Study Zone Expansion:
 - Add 105 electrified seats + comfy seating areas
 - Lounge areas with multiple seating options
 - Discussed: New computers?
 - Renovate Redpath mainfloor gross washrooms ONLY if a gender neutral bathroom is added
 - Schulick
 - 26 new seats
 - Refresh paint + electrical Work
 - 3 spirit scanners

Funding

- WE ARE DONE ALL APPLICATIONS. Equity fund, Campus Life fund, Ambassador fund and Club fund are mostly finished!
- Now let the appeals come.
- Doing some By-Law improvements, making the whole process better.

EUS

- Proposed changes to the constitution/by-laws have been made. We will be voting on them during the next two council meetings.



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- We have the creation of a new fee up for referendum! It is Student Space Fee. This fee will replace the Space Improvement Fee we currently have; it will alleviate the burden of the MEDN [McGill Engineering Design Network] renovations which are now estimated at 630 000\$. It will also enable for other potential projects of a similar scale and provide money for smaller scale space improvement.
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Zachry Rosentzveig - Clubs Representative

Attended elections/referenda results night. A shameful evening for us all, I should think.

IGC: SQ

CAF: Still meeting-less, so SQ, I suppose

External Affairs: It looks like we're abandoning ship re. TaCEQ! Rest in peace, old moderating friend.

Sue Jeong - Arts Rep

AUS Council

- AUS Elections are over!
- Grad Ball was on March 22, 2014 :)
- Meeting on March 12, 2014
 - Agenda
 1. Approval of Recording Secretary
 2. Minutes from February 19th were **adopted**
 3. Agenda was **amended** and **adopted**
 4. Motion Regarding Hiawatha Flag was **amended** and **adopted**
 5. Motion to Support the Moving of the Hochelaga Rock to a More Prominent Location was **amended** and **adopted**
 6. Reports of the Executive Officers, Committees, and Department
 7. Motion Regarding Inclusion of Academic Assessment Rights on Course Outline was **adopted**
 8. Motion to Adopt Allocations of Arts Student Employment Fund Committee was **adopted**.
 9. Motion Regarding Support for the Social Equity and Diversity Office was **adopted**
- Involved with the AUS Awards Night Committee and TA Working Groups
 - TA Working Groups- is a committee where we discuss consistent issues that Arts students have with their TAs in their respective departments. We will be sending out a survey soon



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- Facilitating Focus Groups and Arts Academic Orientation this Tuesday on March 25, 2014

SSMU Council

- Many students have been asking me about the issues regarding the building lease; hopefully, I will be able to bring more information to students after this week's meeting
 - FERC meetings have been cancelled for the last two weeks
 - Accountability Committee
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Billy Liu - Clubs Rep

- Not much updates from me...
 - Funding: done with all the applications! Now reviewing policy.
 - Community Engagement: 1st Annual Campus Community Engagement Awards coming up on March 26! Come and check it out. We had nominations for all categories except alumnus of the year.
 - IGC: the Newman Students' Society has been in contact with me about their updated constitution; will be presented at next IGC I presume.
 - Elections: happy to see (almost) all the referendum questions being passed EXCEPT for the Building Lease Fee questions...
 - Also congrats to next year's SSMU exec!
 - Lots of fun events by clubs recently i.e. Change for Change-SSMU Salsa Night, Comparative Healthcare Systems Program Annual Conference, Friends of Médecins sans frontières Suturing Workshop, etc.
 - Free tickets to the McGill Choral Society's concert for the SSMU council! If you want one, come find me! The concert's going to be on Sunday, March 30 starting at 3pm (doors open between 2/2:30). We'll be singing Carl Orff's Carmina Burana and a medley of Grease!!!
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Lilly Tong - Engineering Rep

EUS

1. Discussion of Space improvement fund bylaws, including creation of a Student Space fund fee.



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2. Course COMP 208's course material is under revision
3. Creation of the position Creative Director under EUS VP Communications' portfolio to help oversee PubliCom and Plumber's Station.

Coffee house

I will be performing Chopin's Fantasia Impromptu in C#- at EUS Coffeeshouse tomorrow (March 24, 2013)! Hopefully I don't screw up big time.

External Relations 2020

I sit on the external relations meeting and last week, we discussed possible improvements to CREIQ and what CREIQ can do for Engineering students in Quebec.

- Academic forums: exchange of ideas, compare the quality of education, workload for engineering courses across Quebec
- Mental health facilities for Engineering students
- Facebook and LinkedIn publicity of CREIQ
- CREIQ as a source of providing professional connections in the industry
- Bilingualism, diplomacy on CREIQ and the need to make non-French speaking schools feel included

Kareem Ibrahim - Arts Rep

Arts Community Engagement (ACE) Committee

- embrACE Volunteer Week was a blast! Check out some of the photos here! https://www.facebook.com/ACECommittee/photos_stream & here! <https://www.facebook.com/events/355824714556880/>

AUS Elections

- Congratulations to our new Executive Team!
 - o President: Ava Liu
 - o VP Communications: Max Drabkin
 - o VP Social: Kyle Sina Rouhani
 - o VP Internal: Leila Alfaro
 - o VP External: Lola Baraldi
 - o VP Academic: Erin Sobat
 - o VP Finance: Kateryn Kim
 - o Arts Reps:
 - Eddie Lin
 - Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy
 - Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie

Laptop Lending Program



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- The program is starting next September, laptops have been purchased!

AUS & SUS Grad Ball – A Night in Casablanca

- Huge success! Thanks to everyone that came.
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Catherine Chen - Music Rep

- Mondays: office hour in E-106
 - attended MUSA meetings on March 12+26
 - attended Clusterfunk (music social event) on March 21, and had a great time!
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Courtney Ayukawa - Arts and Science Rep

BASiC

- NiRC (National integrative Research Conference) coming up on Friday, March 28 (I'm presenting, yay!) [<http://www.nircmcgill.com/>]
- Wine and cheese coming up on Saturday, March 29
- giving some info sessions in Residences for first years
- campaigning occurring for next year's executive is now!
- bringing Sexual Assault Policy proposal to ArtSci Assembly tomorrow

Envirocom

- reviewed Green Fund and gave suggestions/feedback to Rochelin
- painted a mural in the Green Corner! (<https://www.facebook.com/SSMU.Environment/photos/gm.1436300899941909/707957899224917/?type=1>)
- website make-over coming soon, we're in the process of rewriting content
- you should follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/SSMUenvironment>)

Sustainability Committee

- meeting on Tuesday!
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Sarah Southey - Science Rep

- Faculty Olympics March 13-16, ran smoothly and was a lot of fun!
- Building Committee Meeting on March 17, agenda was lost and Stefan wasn't there so short meeting, talked about green space, inventory of all the telephone jacks in the building, meeting with Stefan to hopefully bringing change of Postering Policy to this council meeting



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- No one came to my office hours on March 18. Talked to Bryan (VP Communications of SUS) about implementing an online feedback form for SSMU reps as office hours are not well attended
 - Services Review committee meeting cancelled on March 18 due to the fact that Stefan couldn't be there
 - Wasn't able to attend the SUS Exec on March 19 meeting as I cut off a chunk of my finger slicing apples at the volunteer embrACE event, I spent that time at the hospital
 - By-Law Review committee March 20 we went over new by-law book for councillors, consolidating relevant by-laws for councillors so they are hopefully more widely read. Interesting meeting and a lot of work still to go, hopefully bringing some of the changes to next council or if not to the last council meeting
 - I was going to Skype in to the Accountability Committee on March 20, however the meeting was cancelled
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Kabir Vassanji - Management Rep

The MUS Board of Directors and Executives met this Sunday, March 23, to review the MUS financial policy and this semester's key events. Our next social event is an end of the year concert on April 4 at Telus Theatre.

Lola Baraldi - Arts Rep

- Arts Community Engagement: embrACE volunteer week is happening right now! Check out the events & take this opportunity to participate: <https://www.facebook.com/events/355824714556880/>
 - Council on March 12
 - Motion Regarding Hiawatha Flag was amended and adopted
 - Motion to Support the Moving of the Hochelaga Rock to a More Prominent Location was amended and adopted.
 - Motion Regarding Inclusion of Academic Assessment Rights on Course Outline was adopted
 - Motion to Adopt Allocations of Arts Student Employment Fund Committee was adopted.
 - Motion Regarding Support for the Social Equity and Diversity Office was adopted
 - Ad-Hoc Sustainability meeting this Tuesday
 - Will be continuing to work on AUS & SSMU next year as VP External of AUS :) SUPER EXCITED!
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John Simpson - Law Rep

SSMU

- I am sitting on the SSMU Awards of Distinction Committee; Deadline to apply for awards is April 1st!
- The next SSMU meeting is this Thursday March 27th, 2014

Miscellaneous

- Working on my end of year report
 - Congratulations to those counselors elected for SSMU positions for next year!
 - Course aux Stages is drawing to an end for 2L and 3L students at the law faculty
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Claire Stewart-Kanigan - Arts Senator

Ad-hoc Ethical Purchasing Policy Committee:

- consulted with VP Academic Greenspon re: his concerns when Policy was brought as Notice of Motion (primarily lack of Appeals Clause)
- VP Academic drafted Appeals Clause; committee adjusted and integrated [20.03.2014]
- committee convened on 20.03.2014 to work through other concerns brought up by VP Academic & others at Council
- submitted final draft of Policy on 23.03.2014

Hochelaga Rock + Hiawatha Belt Flag Motions:

- followed up with VP External Ibrahim re: writing letters of support [19.03.2014]
- will be meeting on 25.03.2014 to write letters
- will be presenting same motions at SSMU on 10.04.2014 w/ First Peoples House reps

SSMU:

Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee:

- met on 21.03.2014 with working group on gathering info on currently available McGill sustainability resources



- I am tasked with outlining student-funded resources (QPIRG, CKUT...) + official McGill resources (SPF, MOOS...)
- will be meeting with working group + entire committee on 25.03.2014 (Phase 1 of committee mandate deadline)

Senate:

Senate Meeting:

- Senate convened on 19.03.2014
- open discussion of Principal's goals for term
 - I brought forward questions re: commitment to paid internships + how she plans to 'make research a part of every student's undergraduate experience' in the Faculty of Arts when there is no incentive for profs to take on independent reading courses
- Deputy Provost Dyens presented his report from the Joint Senate-Board Meeting on Mental Health from November
 - report very sparse; I brought forward questions regarding lack of dates on projects/resources listed (unclear which projects are new and came forward from the meeting vs. which are pre-existing); will be following up
 - asked about making new Mental Health workshops available to TAs (currently only proposing to give to Faculty); Dyens responded favourably; will be following up
- Provost Masi delivered report re: anonymous grading
 - Senator Butler followed up w/ questions re: lack of Provost's consideration of pre-existing studies showing grade bias based on gender, race, physical appearance to exist
 - Provost responded defensively re: discrimination at McGill but will be overseeing a limited study on grading bias at McGill

Academic Assessment Working Group of Senate Caucus:

- completed drafting of Senate Caucus response to Deputy Provost Dyens' follow-up to insufficient answer to Question re: Academic Assessment Rights on Course Outlines with recommendations
- will be meeting with Dean of Students Costopoulos w/ AUS VP Academic Greenspon & UA Secretary General on 03.04.2014 to follow up on next steps
- VP Academic & I will be drafting proposed condensed Student Assessment Rights course outline component this week

Senate Subcommittee on Women (SSCOW):



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- final meeting of the year on 03.04.2014; still awaiting response on SPF application

Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP):

- met on 13.03.2014; primarily discussion of new bioresource engineering program

Subcommittee on Equity for First Peoples:

- met on 11.03.2014 & will be meeting again on 01.03.2014
- planning summer projects (i.e. researching Indigenizing the Academy policies across country)
- will be meeting with Traditional Territory Working Group to make final revisions on 24.03.2014; still awaiting response from Joint Senate-Board Committee on Equity re: approval of policy

Elie Lubendo - Services Rep

"Due to being absent from March 14th to March 23rd on two case competitions, I have had nothing to report on."

David Benrimoh - Medicine Rep

- MSS: MSS GA, gave SSMU progress report
- SSMU: Mental Health committee meeting

Ben Reedjik - Arts Rep

- I will provide more details in my oral report
