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Lilly Tong - Engineering Rep

Report #4

Dates: up to November 2, 2013

EUS Meeting

At the last meeting, we reviewed our budget for EUS. In addition, the Cups motion was once again brought up in an attempt to lower the cost of disposable cups sold at Blue's Pub from \$1.00 back down to \$0.50. Although a heated debate followed, the motion ultimately did not pass. In general, EUS council members are advocates for more sustainable choices and believe that keeping the current prices of disposable cups high will encourage students to opt for iron cups instead, which are cheaper and environmentally friendly alternatives to buying plastic cups.

In addition, the members for the Clubs Funds Committee have been chosen, who will together decide how to allocate EUS' funds based on the funding applications they receive this year.

MEC

McGill Engineering Competition is coming up in one week. For the past two weeks, I have been tabling for MEC and selling tickets for the competition. Next week will be the actual competition, taking place in mainly McConnell and Trottier building. I will be one of the coordinators of the event. The opening ceremony of the competition will be on November 8, 2013 in McConnell 304 from 4:00 – 5:25. The competition consists of seven categories: Junior Design, Senior Design, Consulting, Re-engineering, Innovative Design, Engineering Communication, Debate. Roughly 100 participants are expected.

Zachary Rosentzveig - Clubs Rep

Fundcom meetings now fit in my schedule! We still have Club Fund to do.

Wasn't able to attend External or IGC meeting due to short notice; should be fixed now Funding deadline was extended, but has now passed. This is fun.

Had informal meetings with VPs UA and Internal on some communications projects I have. TBC.

Now officially a Clubs Rep :3

Devin Bissky Dziadyk - Science Rep.

- GA Number crunching: Still in progress! Will finish that up this week and report to everyone at council about it!



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- Office hours: 2 people! One needed a stapler, the other changed some lightbulbs
- Ops Comm: Few things starting to go on here (Especially SRC) and some other minor stuff
- Science GC: Got some interesting discussion going with regards to the Blurred Lines motion. GC came out against the motion by an estimated margin of 4/5.
 - Based on reactions of science students, many felt that this motion was almost comical. General consensus was don't play in Gerts, but that banning from the building was going to be of questionable effectiveness.
- Steering: SQ
- GA: Did the usual "Invite all your friends on Facebook" deal. As well as gave a quick 1 minute presentation as Science GC about the importance of getting people to attend.
 - I have been trying to target people I know might be interested (Former Councillors, etc.) to come to the GA. Given that the GA is at the same time as the science council, I doubt this will be highly effective.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devin Bissky Dziadyk
Science Representative

Billy Liu - Clubs Rep.

- Held office hours – spent 30 to 45 mins on the 4th floor meeting clubs and services.
 - Advised students on the 4th floor to participate in the GA coming up!
 - Community Engagement Committee
 - Created an outline for the implementation of the CEC.
 - Have spoken to some clubs about their definition of community engagement and what they would like to see come out of it.
 - Funding Committee
 - Got through many applications. Just Club Fund + any late submissions to be done this week.
 - In talk with some interim status clubs about what they need help with.
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John Simpson - Law Rep.

CADED Conference

- Dates for the event are the 7th-8th of February, 2014
 - Invitations for speakers have started to go out
 - If there are any other specific questions, I would happy to discuss
- Interview with Droit-Inc.
- I did an interview with Droit-Inc. about mental health initiatives and resources at the faculty
 - There is a new inter-faculty mental health program in Ontario specifically for the law faculties
 - Started at Osgoode; receiving approximately 95,000\$ in funding from the Ontario government
 - The article was published in Droit-Inc. on October 29
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Joanna Lynsdale- Nursing Rep.

- On October 29, 6 students that presented their research project (including me!) at the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) annual Dynamics Conference, presented their project to the SON, titled Silent Witnesses: Student Nurses' Perspectives of Advocacy and End-of-Life Care in the ICU. It went great, and we got good feedback.
 - We have submitted an application for the SSMU Space Fund for funding to re-vamp our office, and are just waiting to hear back.
 - On October 31st, we had a popcorn fundraiser at 4floors. Unfortunately, it didn't go as well as we had hoped. We sold some of it in a third year class by donation on November 1st, and in total made about \$44 in profit.
 - The Canadian Nursing Student Association (CNSA) Student Fee Increase Referendum voting period will occur from November 20-27, 2013.
 - I sent out information about the special GA in our newsletter this week. I plan on making a class announcement in BIOL 111, and a third year nursing class. I also plan on recruiting all the class reps to make a quick announcement in class to promote it, and to post it on their class Facebook pages.
 - This coming Friday is a Nursing-Engineering Blues Pub!
 - At our council meeting Friday November 8th, we are having the Mercury Administrator from the Teaching and Learning Services Office come and give a little info presentation on the online course evaluations, because no one from our council could go to the general session they had last week.
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Anikke Rioux - Engineering Rep.

I held my office hours in both weeks. I had one funding committee (one was cancelled due to Thanksgiving). The funding deadline was not long ago, so we are pretty busy right now. The EUS council meeting is on Monday Nov 4th. As a general update from the EUS, we have elected our new president.

Sophia-Maria Giannakakis - Physical and Occupational Therapy Rep.

SSMU:

- Steering committee on October 21st: SQ
- SSMU Council on October 24th: Heated debate regarding the motion to ban the song "Blurred Lines" from the Shatner Building.
- SSMU 4floors: Helped the equity committee do the costume checking. Good job to all who volunteered and organized 4floors! POTUS came in matching costumes, it was awesome!

POTUS:

- Attended PTOT Midterm Party which is to raise money for the POTUS Graduation Committee.
- Held office hours on October 30th from 12:30-2:30.
- I heard open house and McGill SPOT homecoming went well, unfortunately I couldn't attend.
- OT WEEK was fantastic and the OT students and our VP OT really pulled off an educational and fun week.
- Attended the QY Housewarming Wine and Cheese. Students had the chance to get to know each other as well as talk with faculty and staff.

EXTRA:

- Attended IPE (Inter-professional Education) seminar.
 - Attended the rehearsal for the Principal's Installation Ceremony.
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Taylor Lowery - Education Rep.

SSMU

- Met with Community Engagement committee. Discussed year goals and plans. Want to launch a Facebook group that advertises all the initiatives and opportunities to engage with the community offered by our students.
 - YOU ALL WILL be getting an email at some point soon asking for committees within your faculty that fill some sort of mandate directed towards community engagement.
 - Clever pun- SSMUnity Engagement.
- Informed counsel of GA and will make a schedule for class announcements.

EdUS

- Office hours for 10-11:30 on Mondays. (Except was extremely sick and could not attend this past week)

Internal/External

- Sold Education merch and had a samosa sale raising money for McGill's Unicef Sector on Halloween.
- Continue to look for alternative school boards for our Career Fair

Respectfully Submitted by,

Taylor Lowery
Education Representative

Catherine Chen - Music Rep.

MUSA affairs: I held office hours each Tuesday 12:30-130. MUSA meeting on Oct 29.

SSMU affairs: finance each Friday at 9 am

Personal: the McGill symphony orchestra played a great concert in the maison symphonique! thanks to all who came!

Respectfully submitted,



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Catherine Chen
Music representative

Sue Jeong - Arts Rep.

AUS Council

- October 30, 2013
- The referendum questions have been emailed out to everyone
 - Dates
 - Campaign period: Monday, Nov. 18th at 9 A.M. - Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 5 P.M.
 - Polling period: Thursday, Nov. 21 at 9 A.M. - Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 5 P.M.
- The titles of the referendum questions are
 - Question regarding the Ability to amend AUS Bylaws
 - Question regarding the Allocation of AUS Executive Responsibilities
 - Question regarding Adding the AUS Equity Committee Representative to AUS Legislative Council
 - Question regarding Adding the Financial Management Committee Representative to AUS Legislative Council
 - Question regarding AUS Standing Committees
 - Question regarding Successor to the AUS President
- Feedback that was received from the AUS Councillors about the Costume Campaign
 - "Posting of the posters were pretty late"
 - "There are gray lines as to what is okay and not okay to wear"

Office Hours

- They were held last Wednesday from 1-2 P.M. as usual
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Claire Stewart-Kanigan - Arts Senator

October 24th - November 7th, 2013

Note: was ill from October 17th to October 28th

SSMU:

- emailed President Larson requesting information on the beginning of the Ad hoc Committee on the General Assembly + clarification regarding the sending of the letter regarding the Milton Gates on 27/10/2013
 - received email re: ad hoc committee on 04/11/2014
 - no response re: Milton Gates as of 04/11/2013



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- edited and co-signed motion regarding support for further development of anti-oppression training initiatives in Rez Project with VP Shea

AUS:

- presented Motion Regarding Support of the Indigenous Studies Minor on 30/10/2013
 - Notice of Motion presented on 16/10/2013 (delay because of personal illness)
 - PASSED
 - AUS mandated to draft letter of support for: Indigenous Studies minor, eventual development of an Indigenous Studies program, and the prioritization of the creation of an endowed chair in Indigenous Studies to be sent to: Dean Manfredi, FoA Director of Development & Alumni Relations, Mark Weinstein
 - also mandated to write letter to each department that has offered courses related to Indigenous Studies in the past several years expressing support for the minor & program development, and lobbying for the related courses to be prioritized in decisions of courses continuation with the option of departmental associations signing on
 - all departments (English, Political Science, Anthropology, Art History/Communications, History, Geography) enthusiastic about signing on
 - meeting with AUS VP Academic to draft letters this week
- Ad Hoc Ethical Purchasing Policy Committee
 - first two meetings have happened; task list developed; moving along well
 - steps currently underway:
 - assemble list of all current suppliers for departmental affairs
 - re-work scope section of last year's proposed policy
 - begin gathering ethical supplier list for discussion re: price
 - begin contacting other departments to set up roundtables re: enforcement & ease of compliance for purchasing decisions
 - begin contacting other association VP Finances re: discussion of bulk contracts to lower costs for ethical purchasing option

Senate:

- progress on Senate goals:
 - 1) support the creation of a First Peoples Studies Program
 - met with Director of Development & Alumni Relations Debbie Dankoff and Director of McGill Institute for the Study of Canada Will Straw on 17.10.2013



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- strategy: aim to establish an endowed professorship in Indigenous Media & Culture targeting recent Indigenous PhD recipients with joint grant-crowdsourcing funding
- steps:
 - 1) establish student working group in partnership with the Indigenous Students Alliance to seek out foundations (Dankoff suggested student initiated grant application may have greater chance of success)
 - met with ISA on 21.10.2013; follow-up meeting with ISA rep, Will Straw, and myself scheduled for 11.11.2013
 - 2) collaboratively draft letters of intent w/ ISA working group, Will Straw, and possibly SEDE/other campus Indigenous groups
 - 3) submit applications by mid-January
 - 4) establish & execute plan for crowdsourcing component of funding if accepted

- 2) work on strategies to address the equity issues raised by the 2012-13 Senate Report on Employment Equity & Report on Academic Salary Differentials by Gender
- investigating daycare concerns
- concern was raised at Joint Senate-Board Committee on Equity
 - Lydia White now aware of concern; investigation ongoing
 - UPDATE: 10.10.2013: co-chair of SSCOW says you can now have childcare provisions via appeal process
 - discussion of how to move forward (pursue v. not pursue ongoing)

- 3) reform student consultation processes for admin decision-making
- asked question re: admin-student relations to Principal Fortier at AUS Council
- asked questions re: admin-student relations (esp. association-admin relations re: lack of Gates letter response) to Deputy Provost Dyens
 - suggested student associations CC him on all letters sent to the admin
 - he is seeking to work as an ally to bridge communication gaps

- Senate Subcommittee on Women & Appeal Committee for Student Discipline and Grievances
 - first meeting 06.11.2013
 - concerns re: ability for McGill employees to claim daycare pick-up/drop-off time as valid reason to be unable to teach
 - with childcare provisions for "exceptional cases" now confirmed, still discussing how to pursue
 - concern re: amount of negotiation required to attain accommodation

- Appeal Committee for Student Discipline and Grievances:



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- training session by Legal Services & the Secretariat 07.11.2013
- Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching (SCTP)
 - first meeting 10.10.2013
 - approved Managing for Sustainability concentration & minor (Desautels)
 - expressed *serious* concern at inclusion of Walmart Canada, Rio Tinto, and Bombardier as “sustainability practitioners” in consultation process
 - no green tech companies consulted; limited NGO/not-for-profit consultation
 - no indigenous resource issue-related course in proposed package (Concordia has multiple courses on the subject)
 - Desautels rep. Steve Maguire suggested I approve management students to lobby for course at faculty level
 - mandate to consult green NGOs + Indigenous Resource Management Lab before final APC (Academic Policy Committee) approval included

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Stewart-Kanigan, Senate Caucus Representative to SSMU

Sarah Southey - Science Rep.

- Had first office hours, low attendance definitely need to work on better advertisement/potentially new location? (or incentives aka food)
- Unfortunately had to miss building committee on the 28th due to mandatory attendance class, very sad about that as I was excited to hear about plans for the new sound system in the ballroom!
- Very interesting Equity Committee meeting on the 29th, talked about what costumes were red or yellow light at 4floors, Blurred Lines motion
- Was not able to attend SSPN or SUS meeting on Wednesday due to Physiology midterm, unfortunate timing
- 4Floors on Thursday was awesome, unable to help set up due to class but decorations looked fantastic, interesting time being at the front door on the lookout for offensive costumes, take down was fast
- heard some complaints after 4 floors regarding separation of genders by security agents at door, asked by two students to bring it up at meeting