Report of the President to Legislative Council
26 September 2013

Cat Fact: In the 1750s, Europeans introduced cats into the Americas to control pests.

Student Democracy & Constituencies
Judicial Board – SQ

Council – Thank you to everyone who came to the meet your reps reception! The event could have had more students, but I think it was nice to speak with the ones who did come!

PGSS – Jonathan Mooney and I met to discuss having a BoG event with students again this year. This will be a good opportunities for different groups of students to talk to members of the BoG to explain their experiences.

Elections SSMU – SQ

General Assembly –Jordan Masys has been hired as the General Assembly Secretary General. He has started working and we will be meeting tomorrow to hammer out some details. He previously worked at SSMU as a Frosh Coordinator.

Governance Document Review – The final version of the Constitution is ready and has been submitted by the Executive for the agenda at the General Assembly. This represents a lot of work over a long time, and we hope it will pass at the GA.

McGill Governance & Relations
Board of Governors – My first meeting was tonight. Hopefully I was not too late to Council!

Senate – The first Senate meeting was last week. For those of you who came to watch, it was an interesting meeting. I am looking forward to the next meeting and the open discussion where there will be time to discuss the Charter of Values. Additionally, I went to the Alcohol Policy Advisory Committee. Most of the discussion centred around Orientation, and making it clear to the Administrators present that we cannot blame a single event for the continual problems in the Milton-Parc community.

Alumni Association– SQ

Citizens' Council – There is a meeting on Friday, however I will not be able to attend.

McGill Administration
Principal – SQ

Deputy Provost – Joey and I met with Ollivier on Tuesday and again today. Tuesday we discussed the NSSE survey results, which evaluate students' overall experience at university, and offers a comparison to other schools. McGill scores poorly in many areas concerning student life and support, something that Ollivier felt strongly needed to be changed. It seems as though the former Deputy Provost was not as concerned with these survey results, as the director of his

office, Robyn Wiltshire could not point to any individual projects that had been specifically informed by the information. The meeting today was about the Charter of Student Rights, either Joey or I will report orally.

Student Life Coordinator – Mitchell and I had a first meeting about the SEAMLESS conference. This year we are hoping to frame the conference more around discussing leadership and accountability. For those of you who are faculty association executives, get ready!

Faculty Associations

Presidents' Round Table – The first meeting of the school year was last week. I found it productive, and a great place to communicate. One topic that was discussed was the Charter of Values and what student associations are doing in response. All around the table were opposed to the proposed legislation, especially professional programs such as Medicine and Education, who would be affected during their studies. At the same time, all agreed that making statements about the proposed legislation was up to their democratic processes, but that they would seek to facilitate discussion amongst their constituents.

Sustainability

Environment Committee – The Environment Commissioners have been working on the idea of doing more of a conference style for the Green Groups Forum, it's sounding really cool, so it's a great project!

ECOLE – The ECOLE project presented tonight. They've received SPF funding, which is awesome.

Human Resources& Executive

Student Staff – Four new students under my portfolio! Sta Kuzviwanza for Secretary General Admin&Governance, Jordan Masys for Secretary General GA, Lydia Jones for Recording Secretary, and Rachel Simmons as Parliamentarian.

Executive – SQ

Respectfully Submitted,

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