



Report of the President to Legislative Council

24 October 2013

Cat Fact: Cats are better than dogs.

Student Democracy & Constituencies

Judicial Board – Got one candidate to interview! Please continue to tell anyone you know.

Council – SQ

Faculty Relations – Presidents' Round Table happened in the last few days and was a good meeting to discuss continuing issues and reactions to the SSMU GA.

SEAMLESS will be held November 17th, the invites have been sent and the event is well on its way. For those of you who are also faculty association execs, please RSVP.

PGSS – A jointly hosted event between SSMU and PGSS will be held on November 18th, allowing student groups to talk to members of the SSMU Board of Governors. Jonathan Mooney and I will be meeting to solidify the program and get student groups who to present. If you have a student group that would like to be involved please contact me.

Elections SSMU – SQ

General Assembly – There will be a Special General Assembly on November 13th. The SSMU Executive called the meeting in order to deal with the business that was tabled at the last GA.

There was a lot of discussion last week about the General Assembly, and going forward Council will be more involved in the promotion of this special GA. By-law I-5 9.1 states that "It shall be the responsibility of the Speaker and all voting members of Council to accurately and extensively publicize General Assemblies." If this was not clear before, it is constitutionally mandated that you attend, and you must publicize the GA. To help you with this, our GA Sec Gen will be creating a checklist and cheat sheet of promotional ideas and people to talk to for all councillors. This list will be distributed next week, and you will be expected to promote the GA. Your council reports for November 7th should reflect these efforts and I will ask that all Councilors be ready to present in person at that meeting about the actions that they took to promote the General Assembly. In addition, any member of Council who would like to help at the GA with logistics can contact generalassembly@ssmu.mcgill.ca.

Governance Document Review – SQ

McGill Governance & Relations

Principal – Thank you for all of your questions for her last week. She really enjoyed speaking at Council.

Deputy Provost – Joey and I met with Ollivier this morning. Among other things, a plan for increased study space in classrooms during exams will be going forward. Look out for an announcement about the Milton Gates. Additionally, the Deputy Provost has lunch every



Wednesday around campus in order to talk to students. Senators have been going but it would be great if Councilors attended as well, especially if it is in a cafeteria within your faculty. The schedule is available online at www.mcgill.ca/studentlifeandlearning/.

Lease – The SSMU is very close to having a lease completed.

Board of Governors – David Gray-Donald and Julien Benoit, our Sustainability Coordinator and Political Attache have put together a document that explores and researches SRI on campuses in the US and Canada. This research will be available to anyone who is interested, and will be helpful in the CAMSR ToR review (still not called).

Senate – Last week's Senate was one of the strangest I have seen. For those of you who did not tune in online, there was a discussion about the purpose of Senate, and how to improve discourse. It was mildly productive, but certainly showed the weaknesses of the body.

Alumni Association – SQ

Alumni Relations – Brian and I met with DAR about Grad Frosh, programming that will take place at the end of the year. They run Backpack to Briefcase, which we will be incorporating into the programming for outgoing students as it materializes.

Citizens' Council – SQ

Student Life Coordinator – SQ

Sustainability

Environment Committee – The Environment Committee will be hosting SPOKES, a conference on sustainable initiative networking for McGill campus groups. This event will be held on November 2nd, and is shaping up to be really great. They have brought in programming not only about environmental sustainability but also about social sustainability with an anti-oppression workshop.

ECOLE – SQ

Human Resources & Executive

Permanent Staff – An Administration Manager has been hired for Gerts, Alessandro Sangiovanni will start on November 4th.

Respectfully Submitted, and apologetically late,

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