

Office of the President Bureau de la Présidente

# Report of the President to Legislative Council

7 November 2013

Pope-emeritus Benedict XVI has a black and white domestic short hair cat named Chico. Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, who was in Rome for the Pope's inauguration says, "The street talk that the pope loves cats is incorrect. The pope <u>adores</u> cats."

## Student Democracy & Constituencies

Judicial Board – We now have 1 member! Bennett Misskey was appointed by the Nominating Committee this week. There are more applications coming in for the non-law student positions, however to reach quorum on the J-Board we need a majority of law students. Keep looking for future lawyers and tell them to apply!

*Council* –Please remember to check your council emails frequently. It is difficult to set up on your phone, but if you email <a href="mailto:support@ssmu.mcgill.ca">support@ssmu.mcgill.ca</a> you can set up a meeting with John where he will be able to set it up for you, it only takes 5 minutes.

Faculty Relations - For those of you who were invited to SEAMLESS, please RSVP

PGSS – SQ

*Elections SSMU* – The referendum period starts tomorrow. Remember to vote!

*General Assembly* – Thank you for the work you have been doing so far to promote the Special GA. Remember, it is part of your mandate as a councillor to promote the event. GA ad-hoc committee tried to meet yesterday, thanks to Claire for coming and having some good ideas. There is a document in this week's council meeting folder with a class announcement script, facebook blurb to post when you share the event, and an example of what to write on a chalk board. There will be a presentation and question period about the SRC at the GA, which is a great point to make when advertising, or for talking to students who are interested in that project who want to learn more.

*Governance Document Review* – Thanks for the people that have agreed to be on the committee for by-law review. We will be starting soon because the budget will be done. If you like financial regulations, we're starting with that so you should join the committee.

### Orientation Week – SQ

Handbook – A contract has been completed for the advertisement for next year's handbook.

## McGill Governance & Relations

*Principal* – The exec attended the installation of Suzanne Fortier. It was a lovely event and Brian got a picture with the Governor General. His mother will be happy.

*Board of Governors* – November 18<sup>th</sup>, SSMU/PGSS will be hosting a forum for governors and students. There will be groups presenting to the governors and an opportunity for different members of the board to present to students about their committee. Jonathan Mooney and I



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met with the secretariat this week to finalize the ideas and the invite has been distributed. There will be student spots made available for registration so that members of the student body can come and participate who are not the selected groups presenting. The undergraduate groups so far that have been asked to present are the Desautels Entertainment Management Conference and the Environment Committee. We are trying to get a broad spectrum of students to give presentations.

Senate –SQ

Alumni Association-SQ

Citizens' Council – SQ

*Student Life Coordinator* – SEAMLESS is going very well. I am excited for the conference and I think we have programming that will be very productive for student leaders at McGill to consider their roles and how to be effective leaders.

### Sustainability

Environment Committee – Congratulations to them on their conference, SPOKES!

ECOLE – SQ

## Human Resources & Executive

Student Staff – SQ

*Permanent Staff*– Allessandro Sangiovanni, the new Gerts manager started on Monday. He has been training this week and will continue training next week. We're very glad to have someone in the position.

Executive – SQ

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Larson