



Report of the President to Legislative Council

5 December 2013

Cat Fact: 7% of cats snore.

SSMU Governance

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Council – As pointed out at the last Council meeting, the proposed March 6th Council falls during reading week. I propose that we push Council as follows: March 13th, March 27th, April 10th.

Executive Committee – SQ

Governance Document Review – We had our first committee meeting this week. Its nit-picky, but hopefully over the break everyone will have time to look at the By-laws (including me) and start working on/suggesting changes. Still one spot open on the committee to anyone interested.

Nominating Committee – Will have to vote electronically to approve the J-Board nominations that were submitted.

Sustainability Ad-hoc Committee – Unfortunately no councillors came to this committee this week. I understand that it is exams, however if members of Council are overcommitting themselves to committee work, please evaluate and consider which committees you can be an active member on. We were able to get a good deal of work done, however with no equity commissioner and no council members, we still have not been able to have a complete discussion. The call-out for a member at large has been written and submitted for the listserv so hopefully we will be able to start next semester with a proper committee. The minutes of the committee last week have been uploaded to Vibe.

Steering Committee – Today's guest speaker presentation will be made by Lilith Wyatt from the Sustainability Projects Fund.

GOVERNANCE BODIES

General Assembly – SQ

Judicial Board – Two more candidates were interviewed this week, pending a nomination and acceptance, the J-Board will be formed for the year. Recruitment for next year will already be beginning in a few months, and hopefully next year the group will be formed more quickly with initial contact through the faculty of Law as has finally worked this year.

Board of Directors – SQ

Elections SSMU – The Special GA ratification was successful! Total voter turn-out was 12.8% or 2838 people. The Nominations to the Board of Directors was successful with 93.1% voting yes. The auditing firm was approved with 94.0% voting yes.



Student Associations

Undergraduate Faculty Relations – SQ

PGSS – SQ

McGill Governance & Relations

MCGILL GOVERNANCE

Board of Governors – There was a Board meeting last Thursday. Board endorsed an identical motion to the one that was passed at Senate against Bill 60/Loi 60. The majority of the meeting was held in open session. There were a few community members present. I am continuing to prepare for the CAMSR meeting which is happening on December 12th.

Senate – December Senate was yesterday. It was a short meeting, and the topics covered included the University Budget and Financials, Graduate Studies, and the Harassment Policy.

COMMITTEES

Committee on Student Services – Joey submitted a question to Senate asking about the proposal that was brought to the committee two weeks ago. The proposal that was requesting that Student Services money be allocated elsewhere to fund operational expenses was withdrawn and Jana Luker will be tasked with making a proposal for spending the money within the unit.

Undergraduate Teaching Labs Working Group – SQ

Teaching and Learning Spaces Working Group – SQ

Food and Dining Advisory Committee – The committee met this week, half as FADAC and half as a subcommittee on Fair Trade at McGill. One thing to come out of the meeting is the idea that all food providers on campus (SHHS, Aramark, SSMU, PGSS, Faculty Club) will try to come together to create a “Food Charter” that will strive to outline standards for sustainable food practice at McGill.

Alumni Association – SQ

Citizens Council – SQ

PEOPLE

Principal – SQ

Deputy Provost – SQ

Lease – SQ

Student Life Coordinator – SQ

OTHER

Health Promotions – I met with health promotions to discuss ideas for the server training revisions. There will now probably be a re-cert course, probably online, and the potential for an



event coordinator training that will deal more with permits and responsibility of running an event.

Red&White Week – Brian and I have continued meeting with DAR and CLE, the graphics are almost complete and we have a completed draft of the proposal and begun putting together a team.

Sustainability

Environment Committee – SQ.

ECOLE – ECOLE held a stakeholders meeting last week which was well attended by a variety of people.

Human Resources & Executive

Student Staff – SQ

Permanent Staff – SQ

Executive – SQ

Respectfully Submitted,

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