



Councillor Reports October 9th 2014

Farzan Subhani - Clubs & Services Representative

The McGill Students' Flying Club had its first GA this past Wednesday, attendance was great- if anyone is interested in learning how to fly, please contact me!

Had my first IGC meeting- short and sweet! About 6 clubs applied and 5 were approved for interim status club status; 4 were approved for full status clubs.

Found out this past week that I am also a member of the funding committee, this might partly have to do with the fact that my "main" SSMU email address had not been assigned to me. Looking forward to my first funding committee meeting. As a result however, I will no longer be a member of Services Committee.

Met VP C&S to discuss his ideas for the new Clubs Hub; brainstormed ideas which will be presented to council by Stefan in his report. Excited to play my part in this massive initiative.

My office hours have also been decided- I will be holding weekly office hours on Tuesdays between 5 and 6 PM, with the exception of this Tuesday, since I will be in Toronto for work.

Vincent-Pierre Fullerton - Law Representative

General Information

The LSA's GA will be held on October 8th; we hope to get the budget approved (will have more info on the 9th).

LSA Council

A motion officially opposing the Quebec Bar's mental health screening was adopted by Council. I have been in contact with the Bar regarding that issue. More information will follow.

By-Law Review Committee

I have read by-law book 1, sections I to IV and by law book 2, sections I to V. I have made several propositions to the committee, such as institutionalizing the J-Board's independence by removing it from the President's portfolio.



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Rebecca Medvedev - NUS, Nursing Rep.

- Attended NUS council meeting. I reminded council of the General Assembly coming up on October 22nd.
- The Nursing Peer Mentorship Program is underway. Mentors and mentees have been paired up. We also have our first event planned out for the mentors/mentees, which will be an Active Listening Workshop on November 6th and 7th.
- Held my usual weekly office hours in the NUS office.

Omar El-Sharawy – Science Rep.

SSMU

- Completed info session power point with Councillor Ibrahim
- Met with the steering committee
- BUILDING FEE APPROVED!!!

SUS

- SUS approved to give formal support to the YES committee for the building fee
- Discussed a new motion with councillor Huston to improve accountability in SUS

Kareem Ibrahim – Senate Caucus Rep.

AUS

- i) Faculty of Arts Council; SQ
- ii) VP Internal resigned; by-election process has begun
- iii) Initiated a discussion surrounding how we feel, as student associations as a whole, regarding sponsorship/affiliation with off-campus housing groups such as EVO
- iv) Equity report on Frosh denoted huge improvements but also room for improvement (<http://ausmcgill.com/en/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/AUS-Frosh-Equity-Report-2014.pdf>)

SSMU

- i) Sustainability Committee; SQ
 - ii) Accountability Committee; SQ
- Senate** (*Senate documents can be found here* <http://bit.ly/1v7nhPI>)
- i) Committee on Student Services (CSS); SQ
 - ii) Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities; SQ



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iii) Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA); Meeting postponed to mid-October

iv) Caucus;

- Meets every Monday at 6:30 in the SSMU Boardroom, discussed goals for the year
- Had an orientation with SSMU VP University Affairs (Claire Stewart-Kanigan) and their Secretary General (Sam Gregory) and all student members of Senate Committees to go over committee logistics and get to know one another
- Principal and Deputy Provost (SL&L) came to Senate Caucus Sep. 15
- Dean Costopoulous came to Senate Caucus Sep. 22

v) Senate;

- Questions for the last Senate meeting (September 17th, docs -> <http://bit.ly/1v7nhPI>)
 - Question regarding follow up on safer spaces and consent education
 - Question regarding effect of the changing Quebec budget on McGill
 - Question regarding progress of DPSLL (Deputy Provost Student Life & Learning) Mental Health Projects
 - The link below is an appendix with the detailed version of their responses and our follow-up questions
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-LRe6d-GZ5V6EutQTwGJn0se5TVPbwhoBqADlhzNUq4/edit?usp=sharing>
- Follow up on motions from last year
 - Support moving the Hochelaga Rock to a more prominent location
 - Gave letters to Chair of Subcommittee on Equity for First Peoples and Aboriginal Outreach Administrator-- He is compiling letters before sending them to Campus and Space Planning
 - Endorsement of the Flying of the Hiawatha Belt Flag on National Aboriginal Day
 - Secretariat rejected the proposal from Aboriginal Affairs: "People feel that we should more fully consider this request in the context of other community members who may have a similar interest in celebrating a particular group or tradition."
- Met with Veronica from SEDE to discuss long-term visioning, many projects in the works to secure more funding
- Met with student senator from UBC to discuss shared goals, initiatives and different university governance structures

Sukhmeet (Rohan) Sachal – Clubs Rep.



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Over the past two weeks:

IGC- We have had two meetings, each on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.
Discussed clubs' statuses, amendments in constitutions, etc.
I am loving this committee so far.

Funding Committee- We have had one meeting, each on Tuesdays at 6 pm.
Discussed funds for various clubs.
A great committee as well. I had to miss the first meeting due to a conflict with my midterm being at the same time. There will also be no meeting this upcoming Tuesday due to the mandatory equity meeting for all councillors and senators.

With the SSMU Building Fee having passed, the amount of emails that I have been getting has reduced as clubs can finally get access to what they need in terms of room bookings and extended hours of service.

We will hopefully have a finalized schedule of office hours as well coming out soon!

Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep.

25-Sept-2014

1. Legislative council meeting

SSMU Steering Committee

22-Sept-2014

1. Steering committee meeting

SSMU Accountability Committee

SQ

MSS Executive Council

SQ

MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee

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Christie Li – Science Rep

September 23rd -October 6th-I was able to attend all council-related commitments.



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General

September 21st- SUS Executive Meeting

- SUS would like to endorse the "YES Committee" and related matter will be discussed at the General Council on Wednesday

September 22rd –SUS General Council

- AGSEM Representative gave a speech about their organization
- SUS budget was approved
- SUS passed the motion of endorsing YES committee
- Social Sustainability Week is approaching
- Passed motion to approve MUMSA Constitution updates
- 21st Century Ambassador Fund is open

September 23rd – SSMU Legislative Council

- AGSEM Representative gave a speech about their organization
- Board of Directors nominations
- Equity Training Date has been determined: October 7th, 2014
- Passed the motion for Climate Justice at McGill with minor revisions
- Announcement about the elections timeline

September 27th- Review of Motion regarding Zacheriah Houston's Employment at The Nest

- After reviewing the motion, I agreed to an additional mover for the motion

Committee

I was not assigned to a committee. I emailed the Parliamentarian (Eileen Siow) for more information regarding committee allocation and await for her reply.

Ongoing

October 7, 2014: Equity Training

October 8, 2014: SUS General Council

October 9, 2014: SSMU Legislative Council

Committee meetings with time undetermined now

Émilie Boutin – Education Rep

EdUS:

- Office hours at EdUS office: Monday mornings: 10:30-11:30am
- First Education 4à7 this Thursday October 9th
- Am now an EDU buddy for the Education Mentoring Program



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- EdUS council happening this Tuesday, Oct 5th, so more news after that

SSMU:

- Meeting with External Affairs Committee soon
- Informing Ed students through Facebook groups about GA coming up soon!

Rachel Weaver – Services Rep

I was so excited to be elected just a couple weeks ago and I attended my first Council meeting soon after. Since then, I've been meeting with clubs and getting to know their services and members. In my role, I hope to facilitate several big changes and new initiatives. I plan to begin office hours next week so that I may continue to become better acquainted with my constituents. In addition, I look forward to meeting more SSMU Council members and executives as we work together.

Alexander Kpeglo-Hennessy – Arts Rep.

AUS

Had several motions come to the floor. Approved committee members, created a referendum period and called a by-election for the VP Internal position. We updated our electoral by-laws. Council also discussed remuneration for executives as well as the role of residences not affiliated with McGill. The AUS Equity Committee delivered their frosh report.

SSMU

The By-Law Review committee has convened and begun to look at the revisions suggested by Elections SSMU.

Laureanne Pelletier – IRC Rep.

- Office Hours: still on hold
- IRC meeting
 - Spoke about SEAMLESS summit and where to sign up (emailed links)
 - Talked about referendum and where/when to vote

Nancy Zhang – Music Rep.

Environment Committee:

- Meetings are every Monday @5:30-6:30pm at SSMU
- Brainstormed ideas about sustainability initiatives such as conferences



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- Information outreach via social media, advertisement, and collaboration with other groups
- Outreach particularly geared towards first-year students such as incorporating sustainability into Rez workshops
- Discussed specific topics that should be addressed regarding environment/sustainability

MUSA Affairs:

- Met with an organizer from a non-profit organization who was seeking to get student musicians from Schulich School of Music to perform for free at their event; however, there exists a standard hiring fee for graduated and current student musicians to play at any event. Directed the organizer to McGill music's booking office for the specifics.

SSMU/External Affairs:

- Part of the YES campaign committee for SSMU building fee – congratulations to everyone for their efforts!
- Went to Students In Mind Mental Health Conference – extremely rewarding and great event!
- Went to Emerging Leaders mini-conference

Eddie Lin – Arts Rep.

SSMU

Operations Management Committee: SQ

Advisory Committee on International Student: SQ

AUS

Community Engagement Day

Facilitated a CED project: Walking Tour of Red Light District on Friday. This is the most attended CED event!

Arts International Student Committee

Arts international student Meet & Greet is happening Friday 17:00-19:00 in AUS lounge. Met with Ava to lay out the tentative plan for Arts international students activities this semester: Meet & Greet on Friday; collaboration with AUS Essay Center for a workshop on how to write better essays for international students on November; a potluck towards the end of the semester.

Met with Angie, the international student commissioner to plan the meet & greet event. Decided to do a Thanksgiving theme because most international students won't be going home for Thanksgiving. Decided to do karaoke in AUS lounge too because who doesn't like that??



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Will hire a new international student commissioner since a commissioner resigned. Will do this after the meet & greet event.

Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep

EUS

- We had council retreat on the week-end of September 26th to 28th
- On Tuesday October 7th, EUS VP Academic is organizing an academic forum on the integration of sustainability into our curriculums
- On Tuesday October 9th (same day as council), the EUS equity committee is hosting a forum on equity and diversity in engineering. Its at 6pm in the SSMU Ballroom.
- Office hours: Thursday 8:30-9:30

Funding

- September 30th, went over 12 applications {8 Ambassador Fund, 1 Campus Life, 2 Charity Fund, 1 Green Fund}
- No meeting on October 7th due to Councillor equity training

IGC

- October 1st, went over approximately 6 applications and 12 constitutional changes

Deven Sanon – Management Rep.

Since our last SSMU meeting, not too much has happened on the MUS front.

- 2 new members of our Board of Directors were elected- the 2 first year positions
- Thankfully, they were women, which adds some gender equality to our ranks (all the MUS execs are men, and we only had one woman on our BoD before this)
- We held an MUS council meeting this past Sunday
- All of our clubs gave updates- things are going well
- We created 2 new committees- Legal Special Subcommittee and the Student Space Subcommittee
- We approved the reactivation of the OB/HR Network- their long term plan for becoming a sustainable club is something we liked .
- We have a new foosball table in the Bronfman building- this is an initiative that has been in the works for multiple years- It has been renamed the Aaron Ehgoetz Memorial Table
- Our Finance Committee will be going over the operations of Dave's Store and seeing what we can do to improve, cut ect.



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- MoA talks are starting to heat up

Saurin Shah – Arts and Sciences Rep.

Faculty

September 23th – Second Arts & Science Assembly

- Gave a run-through of agenda items for SSMU Council and business between councils
- Discussed SSMU Building Fee and Referendum question along with Senator Rourke
- Further discussion with BASiC VP Communications over Student Politics blog

September 30th – First By-Law Review Committee Meeting

- I missed this meeting because I was ill
- I am reviewing By-Law Books III, IV, and V
 - Will discuss concerns/comments with Ben prior to Oct. 7th meeting

Zacheriah Houston – Science Rep.

SSMU / Personal

Sept. 22nd to Sept 24th – Getting SUS to Endorse a “Yes” Vote to Building Fee Referendum Question

- Attended SUS Exec Meeting as member at large, persuaded SUS VP Emily Boytinck (External) to submit a motion to council
- Met with Senator Rourke, VP Bradley to ensure Electoral By Laws were followed
- Attended SUS General Council as member of yes committee, gave presentation

Office Hours for Fall Term

- Tuesday and Thursday 10:15-11:15 (SUS Office, Burnside)
- Delayed commencement of my office hours until this week, as I have been sick.

Faculty

Sept. 24th – SUS General Council

- I gave a presentation as member of “YES” committee for building fee (see above)
- Social SUsustainability week coming up Oct. 20th - Oct. 26th.
 - SUS will be hosting variety of events to raise money and awareness for AMI Quebec
 - More info: socialsustainabilityweek.com/
- Sustainable fashion show was discussed - looking for directors
- VP External announced new voluntary equity training
 - Organized by our new equity committee
 - Straw poll to see who was interested, 3 departments initially expressed interested



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- Approved MUMSA constitution updates
- Approved budget for 2014-2015
- Council endorsed a yes vote to building fee referendum question
I abstained from voting on this motion

Project - Review of Dept. Auditing Process

- SUS VP Eileen Bui (Finance) and I are planning to review the audit process for the dept. associations
- Currently, they hand in monthly audits to us, but there are issues with the process
Procedures are unclear (difficult for new departmental VP Finances)
Lack of accountability, very few possible consequences if audits are not submitted or incomplete
- Main idea is to examine possibility of the creation of an audit score
Comparable to SSMU clubs audit process
Would provide incentives to complete audits e.g. funding priority for higher audit scores
Want feedback from departmental associations
Will be meeting with SUS VP Finance and Executive Revenue Officer soon to discuss

Committees

Funding Committee

- Sept 23rd – First meeting. Did not have quorum so went over general procedures
- Sept 30th – Reviewed 12 applications. Pretty light agenda as the funding deadline is still relatively far away.
- Oct 7th (upcoming) – Meeting likely cancelled due to conflict with SSMU events, and due to it being so close to funding deadline.

Operations Committee

- First meeting date TBD

Upcoming

Oct. 8th – SUS General Council

- Agenda unavailable at the time of writing.

Chloe Rourke – Senate Caucus Rep.

Senate Caucus meeting on Sept 22nd with the Dean of Students where the Academic Assessment Policy was discussed.



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Attended Arts & Science Assembly on Sept 23rd where the SSMU building fee referendum question was discussed. Emailed President Ayukawa and Vice-President Bradley the concerns and questions raised by my constituents regarding the building fee. Also emailed BASiC to put a blurb in the listserv providing arts & science with more information about the SSMU building fee.

Met with Councillor Houston informally on Sept 30th to discuss a motion regarding his employment at the Nest.

Met with Vice-President Stewart-Kanigan on Oct 3rd to discuss personal goals for the years.

Attended the SAP meeting on Oct 3rd in place of Senator Greenspon who was out of the city.

Niall Carolan – Management Rep

Relatively little to report since last meeting, we have elected two first years representatives for the MUS BoD. Both reps are female, adding some much needed gender equality to our male dominant board. (only one female board member prior to election). We were given a general clubs update at the Board meeting and I'm happy to report no concerns or issues. We created two new subcommittees, the legal special subcommittee and the student space committee. We reactivated the ON/HR network, due to their solid application and long term viability. A new 'Aaron Ehgoetz' memorial foosball table has been placed in the basement, an undertaking that has been in the works for several years. Finally our finance committee will be going over the operations of Dave's Store to improve efficiency and increase turnover.

Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie – Arts Rep **SSMU**

- Building Committee: SQ
 - Library Improvement Fund Committee: Missed last meeting due to personal matter
- AUS**
- Committee for Student Affairs: First meeting postponed to late October
 - Council: Upcoming by-election of VP Internal; tabled work-pay increase of certain AUS executives; amended electoral bylaws; upcoming referendum period; equity commissioners evaluated frosh (many things went well, still several issues)
- Senate
- Subcommittee for the Office for Students with Disabilities: SQ
- Misc.
- Pizza and Beer at Gerts: Oct 17 potentially... (to be confirmed)



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Yasmine Nadifi – PTOT representative

- September 25th: I went to the U1's class to encourage them to vote yes for the SSMU building fee and to promote community engagement day. Also, I attended the SSMU council.
- September 28th: I met with the commission des affaires Francophones. I made a class announcement in U3's class to encourage students vote yes.
- October 2nd: POTUS executives meeting.
- October 3rd: Community engagement day!!! I was running the sitting volley-ball activity