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Councillor Reports – December 4, 2014

Kareem Ibrahim – Senate Caucus Rep

AUS

- i) Faculty of Arts Council; Met, discussed some curriculum changes and the new proposed fee for AUS members to sustain the Arts Internship Office (AIO)

SSMU

- i) Sustainability Committee – SQ
- ii) Accountability Committee met – Looking into organizing a forum on clubs and services, along with a potential survey for all students re: SSMU & a survey for SSMU members
 - Doing research on peer institutions re: universal design in the classroom & re: accessibility of SSMU positions to international students via SSMU's Academic Research Coordinator

Senate (*Senate documents can be found here <http://bit.ly/1v7nhPI>)*

- i) Committee on Student Services – Met but Senator Greenspon went in my place due to multiple committee meeting times overlapping
- ii) Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities; First meeting of the year (woo!) – spearheading an SPF application to do research on the effects of the implementation of universal design in the classroom on student success. Also working on including a question regarding
- iii) Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA); SQ
- iv) Caucus; SQ
- v) Senate; Asked the following questions for Senate on Nov. 19

Question Regarding McGill's Strategy for Building an Interdisciplinary Learning Community

- **ECOLE** ; worked on the ISG application (woohoo that's today in Council!) and co-organized the Community Hours Launch Week! (4PM-7PM 3559 University daily!!) -> <https://www.facebook.com/events/1534095263474472>
- **SEDE**; Working on the 10th Anniversary Launch
- **QPIRG**; Working on the fee levy question for next semester

xoxoxo,



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Yasmine Nadifi – PTOT Rep

Friday, November 21st : I started organizing a self-care/de-stress month with an emphasis on mental health for PTOT students. I have found a zumba instructor in my class who is very excited in giving a zumba class for this event.

Monday, November 24th: I met with VP external of SPOTPGSS to discuss the organization of the career fair in March. The booking of the ballroom has been done, however I need to meet with Tania Canales in January. I also discussed financial issues of the event with our VP finance.

Thursday, November 27th: I met with previous members of POTUS who organized a yoga session last semester. I am planning on organizing one in february for the de-stress month.

Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep

EUS

- Council: November 17th
- Council: December 1st
- We also have a potluck on December 1st before council

Funding

- November 18th: : went over tabled applications and appeals; talked about; funding clubs with a 0 audit score
- November 25th went over a few appeals; talked about funding a semester in advance
- November 25th was our last meeting of the semester

IGC

- November 19th : no full status applications, interim status applications, a few constitutional amendments; went over the survey questions & tried to see what could be improved
- November 26th: no interim or full status applications; we all did the survey to fix small glitches and finalize the questions
- Kimber made cupcakes!!!! 😊
- December 3rd: I don't know if there is a meeting yet... I am assuming there is

Other SSMU things

- November 26th : went to have lunch with the DIPSELL and other members of the McGill administration. The turn out was rather good.
- Daycare GA was supposed to happen on Nov 25th; it had to be pushed back

Vincent-Pierre Fullerton – Law Rep

General Information



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Last LSA Council of the semester was held on Tuesday November 25th. A few motions were passed, including one commemorating the 100th anniversary of Mrs. Annie MacDonald Langstaff's graduation of McGill Law. She was the first woman in Québec to obtain a law degree.

Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep

SSMU Steering Committee

17-Nov-2014

Steering committee meeting (#6)

SSMU Accountability Committee

27-Nov-2014

Accountability committee meeting (#3)

- Discussion on reaching out to students / polling
- Discussion on terms of reference and reports to Legislative Council
- Discussion on compilation and performance review of executives and councillors

MSS Executive Council SQ

MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee SQ

Scott Conrad – Engineering Rep

- J'ai tenu mes heures de bureau au coin des ingénieurs, au banc de Frostbite; il n'y a pas personne qui m'a approché. Par contre, j'ai tenu plusieurs discussions avec Frostbite et puis le G-store par rapport au protocole d'entente (MOA).
- Les commissaires de sport ont tenu leur rencontre avec le membre en charge de la construction et l'aménagement de l'aréna sur Lower Field, Paul Guenther; il n'y a pas rien qui a changé depuis l'année passée d'après Paul. McGill est content de procurer leur part des fonds pour maintenir les conditions de l'aréna. Il nous a invité de rédiger un rapport demandant pour la permission de bâtir des poteaux d'éclairage, mais il nous a informé que McGill ne pourra pas traiter la demande pour au moins un an (on n'est pas satisfait, on veut des lumières pour cet hiver!)
- Aucun de mes comités au sein de l'AÉUM ne s'est rencontré.
- J'ai été accepté comme membre de la délégation qui se rendra au congrès de la fédération canadienne des étudiants et étudiantes en génie en Janvier! Je



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participerai aux rencontres du conseil ainsi qu'à des ateliers sur la politique étudiante. J'ai même entendu qu'il y aura une session de discussion sur les protocoles d'entente (j'ai hâte de geler à #Winterpeg)!

- Les rencontres de l'AÉÉG sont courtes ces jours-ci; les examens s'en viennent.
- Si vous l'aviez manqué, Frostbite a donnée de la crème glacée gratuite vendredi dernier. Ça se passe à chaque fin de semestre, alors rappelez-vous la prochaine fois!

Rohan Sachal – Clubs Rep

Not much has happened since the last council meeting.

I went to one funding meeting and one IGC meeting.

In the IGC meeting, we discussed a survey that all clubs will have to take in order to improve how clubs are run around campus. In the funding committee, we discussed the last few applications we had left over for this semester.

I could not attend the two meetings that happened last week however due to lab review sessions.

Those were the last meetings of the year and we will resume back to business in January.

I have also not received any emails from any clubs for any general questions.

I will also not be able to attend this upcoming council due to my English exam.

I hope to see everyone back in January and may you all have an amazing Christmas Break and a Happy New Year! (ALSO, GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!)

Eddie Lin – Arts Rep

AUS

-- Appointment of the new VP social voted by the council -- **Johanna Elizabeth**

-- Passed the motion of removing the 10-hour paid hour cap for execs eligible for work study

-- The names for the two bookable rooms in Arts Lounge have been voted by Arts Students: The Chamber of Secrets & Jack Daniels Room

SSMU

-- Operations Management Committee

Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy - Arts Rep

By-Law Review: SQ

AUS

Some relevant motions passed:



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- Motion to Send Departmental Budgets
- Motion to Convene Ad-Hoc Human Resources Review Committee
- Motion to Amend Financial By-Laws (executive compensation cap now controlled by work-study)
- Motion to Oppose Austerity Measures
- Motion to Approve the Accountability By-Law Book

Faculty of Arts Committee: I had to miss this meeting due to another academic meeting

Committee on Student Affairs: SQ

I'm in the process of planning two events to boost engagement. The first will be a departmental council tour next semester. The second will be a wine and cheese to be right before the next GA.

Lexi Michaud – FYC Rep

During these past two weeks, we have been organizing the exam relievers we have planned for first years. Monday December 1st we are providing massages to the first years by IKRA Spa Plus. We are also holding one yoga class and giving out tea and titbits. FYC felt this was important as first years are going through their first exams.

We also held the round table meeting on the 27th of November which was a success. Engineering, Arts, Medicine, Education, Arts & Sci, and IRC are the councils that attended. They agreed to help us promote the formal which we are planning for the end of the year. They also brought forth a few events which they would like to collaborate on. While we were missing a few councils and are having trouble getting in touch with them, it was fairly successful overall.

Farzan Subhani – Clubs & Services Rep

Due to exams and final projects I do not have much activity to report besides one IGC meeting. Furthermore, I will not be able to attend this Thursday's council.

Émilie Boutin – Education Rep

Education Faculty:

- EdUS + SAPEK: Movember: "The Shave" happening on December 1st: All proceeds go to Charity



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- 4à7: every Thursday from 4 to 7. The last one is happening this Thursday, December 4th
- EDUS + SAPEK Kegger: raised about 2,500\$ for Ovarian cancer and Prostate cancer research

SSMU:

Missed Council on November 20th due to Parent Teacher Interviews

Omar El-Sharawy – Science Rep

SSMU

- Attended Steering Committee Meeting
- Sadly had to resign from the External Affairs committee

SUS

- Passed both motions for the fee increase
- Missed one day of office hours due to academic work
- Nothing to report in office hours

Saurin Shah – Arts and Science Rep

Faculty

November 18th – Arts & Science Assembly

- Went over the SSMU budget
- Discussed results of previous JBoard case with respect to Nominating Committee
- Publicized open SSMU positions

SSMU

November 28th – Operations Management Committee

- Discussed popularity of new items at The Nest and plans for next semester

Jacob Greenspon – Senate Caucus Rep

- Senate Met Nov 19:
 - McGill is facing a further \$4.8 million cut from government
 - Question clarifying effect on students of budget reductions announced at open forum on McGill's financial situation
 - Seems some services will be cut, but still unclear which ones.



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- Pledged to consult with students when deciding so any 'pressure points' wouldn't face cuts
 - Suboptimal response because Provost was absent
 - Question Regarding McGill's Approach to Community Engagement
 - Question originally pointed to the omittance of local, non-business-oriented community endeavour prioritization by the University
 - Response pointed to how we have many kinds of community partnerships, but without saying it explicitly, indicated that although we do work with the local community in a philanthropic sense sometimes, the majority is by far industry-based
 - Was noted that the answers to all of our questions are consistently sent out late, not considerate/respectful
 - Question about McGill's support for interdisciplinary programs
 - Tabled to next Senate (Dec 3) because Provost absent
 - Had open discussion on undergraduate research opportunities
 - Annual Report of the Committee on Student Discipline
 - More plagiarism and less other offenses have been occurring, although the fluctuation wasn't huge
 - Asked what resources are dedicated to students committing offenses that may need support (vulnerable group) - response was that they are followed through the rest of their academic career through advising
 - Plagiarism is an issue that faculty are targeting
 - Next Senate is Dec 3rd. We're asking postponed question on support for interdisciplinary programs and on McGills relationship with student-run businesses, especially food services (eg. Snax)

Jacob

- **Committees**
 - SSMU
 - i) Accountability Committee
 - Went to my first meeting Nov 27 as advisory member
 - Discussed methods to collect feedback on Councillors from peers, faculty associations, and constituents
 - Submitting related motion to SSMU Dec 4
 - Senate
 - **Note:** more detailed reports on these committee meetings are available--please ask us if you are interested in them!
 - i) Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee
 - Met Dec 2 (oral report)
 - ii) APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs
 - Met Dec 4 (oral report)



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- iii) Subcommittee on Undergraduate Student Advising
 - Met Dec 4 (oral report)
- iv) Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policies (SSAP)
 - Discussed several ongoing policy changes: to late withdrawal policy, to recognition of transfer credits and pushing back the late withdrawal deadline
 - Highlighted several issues with Assessment Policy, which will be compiled into list for future discussion
 - Also two new issues with Assessment Policy: students failing a class because they failed one component and unfair word counts between students writing papers in french vs. in english
 - Next meeting Feb 11
- v) Dean of Libraries Selection Committee
 - Meetings are confidential, so I can't report on them...
- Faculty of Arts
 - i) Faculty of Arts Council
 - Unable to attend Nov 25 Meeting
 - ii) Curriculum Committee
 - Met Nov 17 approved several new LLCU, RELG, POLI and GLIS courses & talked about D1D2 courses
 - Next meeting, Dec 1, cancelled (insufficient business)
- **McLennan-Redpath Library Food and Noise Policy Working Group**
 - I've been added to HSSL advisory group--should meet before break
- **Fall Reading Week**
 - Meeting with Enrolment Services on Dec 11 (may be rescheduled to Dec 12) to figure out what the exact scheduling trade-offs would be and what bureaucratic process this would need to go through
 - Also having SSMU researcher look up peer institutions' practices
- **Know Your Rights**
 - Research
 - Met Nov 14 and 21 to go over our work for this year. We will be providing student input to Dean of Students' planned revisions of Charter of Student Rights and also will be helping write content for SSMU (academic) rights website
 - Outreach
 - Met Nov 14 and 21 to work on several outreach projects
 - SSMU (academic) rights website: developing a simple, easy to use, comprehensive website for students to visit when they have academic rights related issues. Site will list many common issues, the rights students have around them, the procedures to resolve these issues (ie. who to talk to) and link to the relevant McGill



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- o policies. We've purchased the domain name studentrights.info and SSMU will host the site.
 - Developing academic issues survey to support website work
 - May try to run student focus groups on website ease-of-use
 - Meeting with SSMU Graphic Designer Dec 5 re: site setup
- o Advocacy
 - Meeting with Associate Dean of Students to compile a 1-2 page list of our proposed revisions to the Assessment Policy
- **Including Blurb about Student Assessment Policy on course outlines**
 - o Blurb+link will be in optional section of TLS' course outline template
 - o Trying to include blurb on evaluations breakdown form Profs submit
 - o Will formally resubmit initiative to include blurb to Senate committee
- **Creating electronic official record of advising session decisions**
 - o Brought issue to SUSAs, but I need data to prove that students are unhappy with the way advising decisions/discussions are recorded
- **Renaming JD and Champagne Rooms (in Arts Lounge)**
 - o Room renaming questions on AUS referendum ballot: JD Room keeping same name; Champagne Room-> Chamber of Secrets
- **AUS Participatory Budgeting Idea**
 - o Will submit motion for this initiative at first Council in January

David Benrimoh – Senate Caucus Rep

MSS-

- Attended Gov't Affairs and Advocacy event on bill 52

SSMU-

- Attended accountability committee meeting via skype. Helped to edit survey

- Attended Senate Caucus via skype on Dec. 1st

Niall Carolan – Management Rep

Funding committee: last meeting we reviewed the last of all the applications (and appeals) for the semester. We also started a discussion between the committee, VP Clubs & Service and VP FOPs, regarding some of the by-laws and wording of specific funds. The talks were long and contentious so we will take a more in-depth look in the new year, with plans of implementation for the following semester.

Operations Management Committee: Discussing with Max Williams (nest outreach coordinator) ways to promote the nest across different mcgill faculties, looking into launching a 'distance awareness campaign' outlining exactly how many steps it takes to



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get to the nest from each faculty —> (Its not that far!!)

MUS Finance Committee: examining ways to improve Dave's store operational and economic process. VP Finance is leading the investigation which should hopefully result in a positive net return from Dave's on this years MUS budget.

Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie – Arts Rep

AUS Council

- Appointed new VP Social
- Adopted standing rules to make council more efficient
- Departments will be publishing budgets next semester
- AUS now opposes solidarity measures
 - Removed council's cap on ASEF work study allocations

Committees

- Library Improvement Fund
 - Finalized survey to be sent soon; compiling tabling info
- Building Committee
 - SQ
- Committee on Student Affairs
 - SQ
- Subcommittee on the Office for Students with Disabilities
 - SQ
- Info-Tech Fund Committee
 - Discussed videocamera lending program, expansion of laptop lending on hold for now due to problems with beta version
 - Arts Representatives and Senators will be doing tour of departmental councils and town hall next semester

Laureanne Pelletier – Residences Rep

- IRC meetings
 - Discussed Coffee House Charity event with Yellow Door
 - Discussed potential events during second semester
 - International Food Fair
 - Winter Formal
 - Valentine's Day event

Nancy Zhang – Music Rep

MUSA affairs: SQ



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Environment Committee: SQ

Christie Li – Science Rep

November 21st –December 1st - I am still recovering from my illness, but I was able to attend all council-related commitments and meetings.

General

November 17th-SUS Executive Meeting

- I attended the SUS executive meeting
- I delivered report about motions discussed at the last SSMU Legislative Council
- A survey about the extended library hours and the library improvement fund is to sent to our constituents for feedback
- A holiday card from SUS is to be sent out

November 19th - SUS General Council

1. Delivered a report tasks undertaken at my allocated committees and issues discussed at the legislative council
2. Three motions that were tabled at the SUS General Assembly were passed
3. SUS election dates are determined

November 20th – SSMU Legislative Council

1. I attended the SSMU Legislative Council
2. I delivered a brief report about the SUS General Assembly

November 24th-SUS Executive Meeting

- I attended the SUS executive meeting
- I delivered report about motions discussed at the last SSMU Legislative Council
- A photograph for the SUS holiday card was taken

Committee

- SQ

Office Hours for Fall Term

- SQ

Ongoing

- December 3, 2014: SUS General Council



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- December 4, 2014: SSMU Legislative Council

Chloe Rourke – Senate Caucus Rep

Senate

- Nov 17 Caucus
 - Went over Senate Docs for Nov 19 Meeting
- Nov 19 Senate Meeting
 - Question regarding Approach to community engagement and budget reductions
 - Discussion on out-of-classroom learning opportunities for different faculties – what should be considered compensation? (credit, money, etc)
- Nov 21 Committee on Student Services
 - Discussed application process/timeline or Innovation Fund
- Nov 21 Know Your Rights Campaign – Outreach
 - Discussed website material
 - Know Your Rights needs more students from other faculties
 - If you know someone who would like to get involved **contact Jacob Greenspon at artssenator2@smmu.mcgill.ca**
- Nov 24 Caucus
 - Cancelled
 - Finished Mental Health Survey re seeking accomodation
 - should be sent out soon, follow-up from Open Forum
- Student Grievances/Counselling & Tutoring Committees – SQ

Faculty (Arts & Science)

4. Nov 18 Arts & Science Assembly
 - a. VP Internal resignation
5. Office Hours: Friday 1:30-2:30 in the BASiC office (Leacock 114-B)

SSMU

6. Nov 19 Community Engagement Committee
 - a. Absent from meeting due to conflict with Senate meeting
7. Nov 20 Legislativ Assembly
8. Nov 26 Community Engagement Committee
 - a. Creating list of contacts for events in January, **need contacts for local organizations and charities that may be interested!**
9. Mental Health Comittee – SQ

Rachel Weaver – Services Rep

The past two weeks I have met with one service individually to discuss how to expand the range of their service and to explore ways to further integrate them into the McGill



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community. Unfortunately, the Midnight Kitchen did not serve for three days last week due to an act of vandalism in the kitchen used for food preparation.

Rebecca Medvedev – Nursing Rep

- Attended last NUS council meeting on November 28th.
- Held my weekly office hours on Fridays from 1:30-2:30pm in the NUS office.

Zacheriah Houston – Science Rep

Faculty

Nov 24th – SUS Executive Meeting

- Short meeting, term-end debrief
- Took holiday photo
 - It's beautiful:

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/68ec7423b0aa566ced2149be0/images/e5b1fd40-3ce9-43a4-bd43-e92e24051a1f.png>

Nov 18th-19th – Consultation with Constituents re Upcoming Motions

- Met with some science students to talk about their opinions and concerns relating to the 2 fee increase motions that were coming for approval to the Nov. 19th General Council
- In particular, spent some time meeting with Sarah Southey (former Science Rep. to SSMU)
- Decided it was best to try to amend the motions to alleviate concerns, rather than outright reject the motions (both motions were amended and approved)

Nov 19th – SUS General Council

- Presentation from AGSEM
- Approved Motion re Endorsing AGSEM's Unionization Campaign
- Amended and approved Motion re Reformation of Constitutional Affairs Committee
 - Nominated myself for this committee
- Approved Motion Re Approving Revised SUS Election Dates
- Amended and approved Motion Re Updating Financial By-Laws
 - Minor change to By-Laws
 - Opened Ambassador Fund for individuals to apply for (previously was only open to departmental associations)
- Amended and approved the Motion to Increase the SUS Base Fee
- Amended (heavily) and approved the Motion to Introduce the Student Space Improvement Fee
 - I had several issues with this motion



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- My concerns were mostly regarding issues of transparency in how the use of the new fee would be regulated
- Expressed my concerns and they were mostly alleviated by the amendments I proposed

SUS Fall 2014 Referendum Results

- Motion to Increase SUS Base Fee
Yes: 58.9% No: 36.1% Abstain: 5.0%
- Motion to Introduce Student Space Improvement Fee
Yes: 59.3% No: 34.6% Abstain: 6.1%

Nov. 25th-28th – Working on Motion re Clarifying Funding By-Laws

- After lengthy discussion with the Funding Committee, decided to submit a motion to amend the Finance & Operations By-Law governing the funding Committee
- Goal was to add an article clarifying procedures for the approval of funding applications for future semesters
- Motion submitted (for first reading) to Council this week

Committees & Ongoing

Funding Committee

- Done for the semester!
- Meetings have been shorter lately (thankfully!)
- Have been discussing some ongoing questions/issues
 - Idea of advanced funding
 - Funding clubs with audit score of 0 (esp. from Club Fund)

BOD

- SQ

Office Hours (SUS Office: TR 10:15-11:15)

- SQ

Upcoming

Dec 3rd – SUS General Council

- Agenda unavailable at the time of writing