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Councillor Reports – November 20, 2014

Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep

EUS

- Council on November 3rd
- Council on November 17th

Funding

- Meeting on November 4th
- Meeting on November 11th
- Meeting on November 18th
- Went through late applications
- Went through tabled applications
- Discussion about funding clubs with an audit score of 0 from the Club Fund
- Discussion about funding a semester in advance

IGC

- Meeting on November 5th
- Meeting on November 12th
- Meeting on November 19th
- Less applications
- Basically only a few interim status applications
- Many constitutional amendments (mostly bringing constitution up to date or updating Executive structure)
- Debate about executive positions held by more than one person
- Talked about a survey to be sent out
- Brainstormed ideas for above mentioned survey including things like funding, room & equipment bookings, office space, constitutions, representation, office hours (VP CS), workshops (Stefan really likes advertising his workshops), listserv, audit structure, and lots of fun things like that

Vincent-Pierre Fullerton – Law Rep

General Information

Gathered feedback from the students on potential improvements to Nahum Gelber Law Library.

By-Law Review Committee



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Most work completed. By-laws will be revised/updated by a special commissioner. They should be brought to council soon.

Laureanne Pelletier – IRC Rep

- IRC meetings
 - Discussed Mental Health Awareness Week
 - Spoke about inclusive event in November
 - International Fair
 - Talked about possible Beverage Pong contest for November

Rohan Sachal – Clubs Rep

This has probably been my shortest report thus far.

In the past two weeks,

I have attended the Funding Committee meetings on Tuesdays. However, I was unable to attend the ICG Meeting this past Wednesday due to an event I was organizing for a student club.

Not much has happened since last General Council, but I did get a lot of messages from friends regarding the whole situation that occurred on Remembrance Day.

Rachel Weaver – Services Rep

The past two week I have been meeting with services individually to discuss their future plans and challenges they are currently facing. Also, the Services Review Committee met for the first time last week and is currently reviewing changes to several services' constitutions.

Dallon Kuprowski – Athletics Rep

Student Athletic Council

- First meeting was Thursday, November 13th.
- Chaired by Eric Weibe
- SAC Sub-Committees were formed including
 - Finance Committee
 - Facilities Committee
 - Marketing Committee
 - Hall of Fame Committee
 - MARAB (McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board)

Varsity Council

- Met on Tuesday, November 11th



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- Next meeting will be held in early December.

Blood Drive

- Blood Drive is being held Wednesday, November 19th at the gym.
- 7am and to 5pm.

Food Drive

- Food Drive will be held Sunday, November 23rd.
- We will be canvassing the neighborhood with flyers November 21st and 22nd.

Trivia Night

- Trivia Night will be held at BDP Tuesday, November 25th at 8:00pm.

Movember

- McGill athletes continue their Movember competition.
- This will continue through the end of November.

Scott Conrad – Engineering Rep

- J'ai tenu mes heures de bureau dans la chambre McConnel 5 (Infosys); il n'y a pas personne qui m'a approché. J'ai fait un survol de mes courriels.
- J'ai contacté le personnel de McGill qui s'occupe de monter le « Iron Rink » avec l'aide de l'A.É.É.G (association des étudiants et étudiantes de génie) pour discuter comment SSMU et l'AÉÉG participeront dans l'entretien de l'aréna sur Lower Field.
- Le comité nommé « Rond-table sur l'athlétisme » n'a pas eu de rencontre.
- Je me suis joint au comité ad-hoc sur l'utilisation de Club Hub, avec VP Fong come président du comité
- Plusieurs membres de l'AÉÉG m'ont approché avec des questions par rapport à la ratification des motions en ligne. J'ai répondu avec plaisir à tous leurs questions.
- Anikke et moi travaillons avec plusieurs membres exécutifs de l'AÉÉG pour s'assurer qu'ils reçoivent les fonds nécessaires pour des voyages académiques grâce au « Ambassador fund »

Rebecca Medvedev – Nursing Rep

- Attended NUS council meeting on November 14th. We are in the process of re-writing/updating our constitution.
- Attended second FERC meeting of the year on November 12th. Set to meet again in 2 weeks.



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- Held my weekly office hours on Fridays from 1:30-2:30pm in the NUS office.
- Attended SEAMLESS summit on November 9th.

Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep

06-Nov-2014

Legislative council meeting (#5)

SSMU Steering Committee

03-Nov-2014

Steering committee meeting (#5)

SSMU Accountability Committee

10-Nov-2014

Accountability committee meeting (#2)

MSS Executive Council

10-Nov-2014

Executive council meeting (#3)

- Discussion of provincial student loans affecting Med-3/Dent-3 students (potential SSMU motion)
- Update on SSMU activities and discussions
- Presentation of results on constituent survey (Nov-2014)

MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee

11-Nov-2014

CIF committee meeting (#1)

- Allocation of funding for Fall 2014 semester

General

Weeks of 02-Nov-2014 & 09-Nov-2014

Constituent survey (Nov-2014)

- Creation of FB survey to consult constituents on recent and upcoming SSMU matters
- Promotion of survey via FB and class announcements
- Tabulation of survey

Taras Klitovchenko – Dentistry Rep



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Activities since Nov 6, 2014:

No activity to report on since last meeting. Busy with presentations and American dental board exam.

Chloe Rourke – Senate Caucus Rep

Senate

- Nov 3 Caucus
 - Know Your Rights Campaign
 - Mental Health
 - Open forum
 - Survey
 - Sexual Assault Policy
- Nov 4 Joint-Board Senate Meeting
 - Community Engagement – Research & Innovation
- Nov 7 Planning meeting for SSMU's Open Forum on Mental Health Accommodation
 - Met with SSMU's Academic Research Coordinator, Senator Greenspon & VP Stewart-Kanigan
 - Discussed format of forum – decided to invite active listeners to help facilitate discussions
 - Also to work Mental Health Survey to be released by end of Mental Health Awareness Week
- Nov 7 Know Your Rights – Outreach Working Group
 - Discussed outreach strategy regarding students' academic rights to faculties/departments
 - Still many problems with the implementation of the assessment policy (who to go to, many people do not know about it)
- Nov 10 Caucus
 - Discussed Joint-Board Senate Meeting, Working Group updates and progress on personal goals
- Nov 12 Open Forum: Discussion on Student Mental Health
 - Hosted open forum to discuss challenges students face when seeking support and accommodation for mental health issues as well as some of the underlying causes of mental health issues
 - Compiling feedback to be shared
 - Mental Health Survey to be released early next week
- Nov 14 Know Your Rights Campaign – Outreach
 - Unable to attend meeting due to conflict with posted office hours
- Committee on Student Services/Student Grievances/Counselling & Tutoring Committees – SQ



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Faculty (Arts & Science)

1. Nov 4 Arts & Science Assembly
 - a. PAC – concerns raised regarding ongoing problems with Cognitive Science program (problems registering for classes, no “home” for the program, lack of resources), still no solutions to address these problems
 - b. Nov 7th – Art Sci Semi-Formal, Alice in Wonderland theme
2. Office Hours: Friday 1:30-2:30 in the BASiC office (Leacock 114-B)
3. Nov 13 BASiC Blog Post
 - a. Submitted post for blog on BASiC website updating constituents on my work

SSMU

4. Nov 6 Legislative Assembly
 - a. Discussed SSMU-constituency communication
5. Nov 12 Mental Health
 - a. Discussed problems that have arisen with website in collaboration with Student Services (Mental Health & Counselling)
 - b. Launching of SSMU Mental Health & Wellness on social media platforms (Facebook page, listserv, etc)
6. Nov 5 – Community Engagement Committee
 - a. Established regular meeting time & projects for the year
 - b. Community & Global Service Mixer – January

Thank you to everyone who promoted and attended the Open Forum on Mental Health!!!

Nancy Zhang – Music Rep

SSMU affairs:

-promoted and distributed Mental Health Awareness Week flyers

MUSA affairs: SQ

Environment Committee:

-debriefed on the SPOKES Sustainability Conference

-discussed compost project

-brainstormed for our next big event for next semester (perhaps pop up cafe collaboration with Spaces Project)

Christie Li – Science Rep

November 2st – November 15nd -I was able to attend all council-related commitments and meeting. However due to the fact that I had a severe respiratory track infection, not much has occurred.



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General

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November 6th – SSMU Legislative Council

1. I attended the SSMU Legislative Council

Committee

- On November 3rd, I attended the Service Review Committee meeting to review the constitution revision of several services, including the Student Television at McGill, the Plate Club, Musician's Collective
- I read By-Law Article 2 regarding Services
- I read the service review reports
- On November 7th, I attended the Nominating Committee meeting to decide the course of action to elect the new CEO and DEO

Office Hours for Fall Term

- Due to logistical issues, my office hours are yet to be determined

Ongoing

- November 17, 2014: SUS Executive Meeting
- November 19, 2014: SUS General Council
- November 20, 2014: SSMU Legislative Council

Omar El-Sharawy – Science Rep

SUS

- Helped out and Attended our General Assembly
- Sadly didn't reach Quorum
- Discussed two fee increases
- First fee was increase of base fee of SUS
- Second fee was the space improvement fee

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- Stepped down from my position on the External Affairs Committee due to time constrictions

Kareem Ibrahim – Senate Caucus Rep



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AUS

- i) Faculty of Arts Council; SQ

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
 - Hiring an Equitable Employment Researcher in parallel to the one researching SSMU, this one shall research McGill

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

- i) Committee on Student Services – SQ
- ii) Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities; Meeting tomorrow (Nov21)
- iii) Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA); Nov18 meeting was cancelled (we still haven't met yet)
- iv) Caucus; SQ
- v) Senate; Asked the following questions for Senate on Nov. 19

Question Regarding Budget Reductions Announced at the Open Forum on McGill's Financial Situation

Question Regarding McGill's Approach to Community Engagement

- **ECOLE** ; working on Independent Student Group letter of intent
- **SEDE**; Projects; drafting a funding proposal for faculty associations (AUS has provided funding), coordinating the 10th Year Anniversary Campaign
- **QPIRG**; Culture Shock was a huge success! Working on by-laws and constitution
- Course evaluations video is (potentially) in the works – dependent on the availability of those interested

Peace, love & SSMU!

Zachariah Houston – Science Rep

Faculty

Nov 3rd – SUS Executive Meeting

- Mostly discussed upcoming GA

Nov 5th – SUS General Assembly

- Did not make quorum, GA was determined to be a consultative body making recommendations to Council
- Referred one motion (Endorsement of AGSEM) to 19 Nov General Council



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- Two motions were approved, so they will go to Council for approval
 - Motion to Increase SUS Base Fee
 - Motion to Introduce the Student Space Improvement Fee

Nov 5th – SUS General Council

- Due to the GA going late, GC decided to table all items on the agenda until Nov 19th

Fee Increase Motions

- Some students have expressed issues with the proposed fee increases
- The primary concern appears to be the lack of strict bylaws surrounding the use of the Student Space Improvement Fee
- I will be meeting with one student and the SUS VP Finance this week to discuss ideas for how this fee could be improved, and we will be thoroughly discussing students' concerns during General Council on Nov. 19th

Committees & Ongoing

Funding Committee

- SQ

BOD

- SQ

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

- SQ

Upcoming

Nov 19th – SUS General Council

- Full agenda unavailable at the time of writing
- Will be discussing the 3 motions referred to this week's council (see above)
- There will be a discussion period re Library Improvement Fund on the agenda, in order for me to gather more formal feedback and relay it to SSMU

Lola Baraldi – Arts Rep

AUS

- Community engagement
 - Working with SEDE on various projects
 - Arts Community Engagement committee: had our first two events this weekend, very happy with turnout! Next up, museum trip on November 25th
 - Working with ECOLE – projects for 2nd semester



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- **Careers**
 - Grad Fair – meeting with CaPS to debrief
 - Work your B.A. planning
 - NATO speaker and Q&A event happened on Friday
 - Planning Ottawa trip with CaPS & PGSS
- **Council**
 - Resignation of the VP Social
 - Re-naming JD and Champagne rooms

SSMU

- **Committees**
 - SSPN – weekly meetings, next event will be Week101. Started looking into TedxMcGill
 - External Affairs – SQ
 -

Yasmine Nadifi – PTOT Rep

November 7th: PTOT graffiti party. This event held at Gert's is for PTOT students to meet with other students of the different years. For this year's edition, all execs and class reps had their position written on their t-shirt for students to recognize who we are.

November 9th: I attended SEEMLESS for the whole day. Two POTUS execs were present as well.

November 10th: We had our last POTUS execs meeting of the semester. Main issues are with the graduation committee which is experiencing some organization problems. We held successful events such as a conference from a physiotherapy clinic and OT week.

Ongoing projects: I am organizing wheelchair basketball and for this year we are trying to have it on a bigger scale. However, we are quite limited by the amount of wheelchairs that can be transported to the gym.

Eddie Lin – Arts Rep

AUS

- VP Social resigns, council decides to choose the new VP Social by appointment
- Arts Reps are already planning for the Wine & Cheese event next semester
- Arts International Student Committee: We are planning the AUS Amazing Race at the beginning of next semester

SSMU

- Operations Management Committee: Met last Friday, discussed about the Nest
- Consulted several constituents about Demil issue: some of them say that SSMU should either not take on controversial external political stances; or be



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indiscriminate (aka, not euro-centric, not singling out one country) when taking on political issues. SSMU shouldn't be selective.

External Affairs

- Attended CCJCC (China-Canada Junior Chamber of Conference) startup conference organized partly by Eileen last Sunday

Farzan Subhani – Clubs and Services Rep

- 1) Was travelling, hence attended only 1 IGC in the past two weeks (also the reason why this report is late than usual).
- 2) Was contacted about SSMU insurance policies by the MOC. Didn't have much info, hence contacted Stefan, got some details from him and clarified further.
- 3) Joined new ad-hoc committee under the VP C&S. Waiting for first meeting.

Lexi Michaud – FYC Rep

Date: November 3rd-17th

- FYC held a Town Hall on Monday November 10th. Unfortunately, we poorly advertised it and had a rather disappointing turnout.
- We have organized to hand out free pizza this week in the SSMU building and will hopefully have many more people.
- We spent a few meetings this week organizing the details for a first year formal at the end of the year. It is nearly entirely set up.
- Massages, tea, and yoga will be announced soon for the week preceding exams.

Saurin Shah – Arts and Sciences Rep

Faculty

November 4th – Arts & Science Assembly

- Received feedback on SSMU GA and talked about LC's informal discussion
- Discussed the results of the Elections SSMU JBoard case
- Previewed the SSMU Budget
- Moderated discussion on 24-Hour Library Access Funding

SSMU

November 5th – Lunch with Ollivier Dyens

- Discussed spreading interdisciplinary learning further, learning outcomes and evaluation methods, and bikes on campus

November 4th – By-Law Review Committee Meeting

- Continued revision of By-Law Books



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- Began revisions of Election SSMU selections

November 7th – Nominating Committee Meeting

- Incorporated ideas from By-Law Review Committee into Election SSMU and Speaker selection process
- Clarified language in the current By-Laws to specify steps in the process
- Revised Nominating Committee composition for greater impartiality

November 11th – By-Law Review Committee Meeting

- Brought changes from Nominating Committee to be included in revised By-Laws
- Finalized all changes to all revised By-Law books

November 13rd – Nominating Committee Meeting

- Approved a Non-Law student candidate for JBoard

November 14th – Operations Management Committee

- Went over results of previous menu changes by the Nest
- Results of SSMU Daycare catering trial and other catering by The Nest
- Effect of construction on the Nest and Gert's sales
- New offerings from the Nest

David Benrimoh - Senate Caucus Rep

MSS:

- Attended MSS General Meeting
 - Approved budget
 - Updated on SSMU/Senate affairs
 - Presented survey results
 - Discussed budget cuts, created google doc to discuss cuts and priorities--> to be submitted to VP UA and for the consideration of Council

SSMU:

- Attended Mental Health Committee Meeting
 - Discussed strategy for website content
- Created, with Councillor Chin, a survey re: important questions discussed at SSMU

Results:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TnautknZ2tI8awyK3hn3k2L4Hi0uqn7w5quegyZK9aQ/viewanalytics>



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- Survey comments on budget cuts were compiled

Senate:

- Worked with MH working group on content for MH week survey

Alexander Kpeglo-Hennessy – Arts Rep

AUS

- Going to be appointing a new VP Social next council
- Starting to organize our departmental year
- Trying to book a date for an event before the Winter GA eg a Wine&Cheese

SSMU

- By-Law Review: SQ
- Introducing a motion this week

Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie – Arts Rep

- AUS Council
 - Equity Commissioners brought up equity violation against Council for having a cap on ASEF allocations
 - Motion to Renew the ASEF Allocation: Passed
 - Motion to Approve List of Room Renaming Nominations: Passed
 - Motion to Amend Equity Policy By-laws: Passed
 - Question Regarding Renewal of the Arts Student Employment Fund: Discussed
 - Motion to Approve FMC member: Passed
 - Motion to Approve Yes Committee for ASEF Referendum Question: Passed
 - *Left early (exam and paper due the following morning)
- Committees
 - Library Improvement Fund
 - Finalized survey to be sent soon; compiling tabling info
 - Building Committee
 - SQ
 - Committee on Student Affairs
 - Met for first time last week; discussed pushing back withdrawal deadline
 - Subcommittee on the Office for Students with Disabilities
 - SQ
 - Info-Tech Fund Committee
 - Discussed video camera lending program, expansion of laptop lending on hold for now due to problems with beta version



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- Arts Representatives and Senators are preparing to do a tour of departmental councils within the Faculty of Arts

Deven Sanon – Business Rep

- We have held an MUS Council Meeting since we last met.
- We approved the budget (of approximately \$90,000)
- Discussed ways to get to the students in terms of getting feedback for student space
- Twerk Circus went well- BSN gave us some concerns, however we worked with them to come to a similar viewpoint
- We consolidated our MoA committee into our Legal Committee
- Our finance committee met to go over the budget before bringing it to council
- Corporate Relations has tripled the amount of receivables it has received year over year. Sponsorship has increased exponentially.
- Events: the portfolio has performed really well this year. Twerk Circus had no ambulances. Incidents are pretty much nonexistent. Hype week also ran extremely smoothly.
- We have changed our goal of earning certain profits on each event to breaking even, as the major debt that the MUS has had for the past few years has now been paid off.