



# Students' Society of McGill University

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## Report of the President to Legislative Council

8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014

### Student Democracy & Constituencies

- Judicial Board
  - First meeting on Thursday morning!
- Council
  - Kevin is scheduling make up photos
    - Thank you to those who got their photo taken before last Council!
      - You're on the SSMU website now! <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/about-us/our-team/representatives/>
  - Mandatory make-up Orientation for those that missed orientation retreat will be October 16 at 7pm in the ballroom
  - Vibe / Groupwise issues should be resolved
    - Please email John ([jcampbell@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:jcampbell@ssmu.mcgill.ca)) if you are having any issues with Vibe/Groupwise or connect your councillor email account to your phone
  - Equity training was Tuesday. A make up one will be scheduled for those that did not participate.
- Faculty Relations
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> PRT of the year on Wednesday
    - Discussed amendments to the photography MoA
- PGSS
  - I'm beginning to look into organizing a SSMU + PGSS summit / joint council meeting to discuss one or two issues on campus and maybe take a stance for them
- Elections SSMU
  - FYC elections are going on right now!
    - <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/elections/category/2014-fyc-elections/>
- General Assembly
  - Join the Facebook event and share it with your friends!  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/314282432107825/>
  - Deadline for motions was Wednesday (Oct 8)
    - We have A LOT of important motions which Steering Committee will review (meeting Oct 15) and then release the agenda
    - Motions will be advertised as soon as Steering reviews them
  - Expecting a lot of people!
    - Location has been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, which has a larger capacity than the Ballroom
    - Ordering more scanners since we currently only have 2 – this is the main “bottleneck” and why people must line up to get in and out
  - Player's Theatre is having a show that evening so signage will be posted



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requesting people to be quiet and respectful

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- Governance Document Review
  - Met with Speaker to discuss revisions for Council Internal Regulations, a new book which was a project started by the previous President
  - By Law Review Committee has met twice to review the changes for By Law Book I
- SSMU Handbook / Agenda
  - SQ
- Media
  - Monthly Media Check In tomorrow!
  - Did an interview with the Daily and Tribune after the Board of Governor's meeting last week.
- Unfortunately couldn't attend the Students In Mind conference last Sunday ☹

### McGill Governance & Relations

- Board of Governors
  - Attended the first meeting of the academic year last Thursday as well as a Pre-Board meeting with some other members to discuss the documents
    - Agenda can be found here <http://www.mcgill.ca/boardofgovernors/board-governors-2014-2015/2014-2015-board-governors-agenda-and-minutes>
  - A \$15.7 million dollar surplus was reported for the 2013-2014 year, which is significantly more than the \$10.4 million deficit which was budgeted.
    - <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2014/10/mcgill-ends-financial-year-with-15-million-surplus/>
    - <http://mcgilltribune.com/news/board-governors-discuss-finances-first-meeting-year/>
    - The execs and I had a meeting about this and we are eagerly waiting for more information
- Senate
  - Attended SCPD (Senate Committee on Physical Development)
    - Discussed current major construction projects and those of the next 2 years (MNI tunnel, many HVAC systems, Mac barn, Old Chancellor Day Hall, Wilson Hall, McTavish, libraries, etc.)
  - Caucus met (as it does every Monday evening)
    - PGSS Pres and VP AA (similar to VP UA) attended
  - APC (Academic Policy Committee) meeting Thursday
    - Oral update
- Alumni Association
  - Corresponding with the new President and hoping to meet with him soon
- Campus Life and Engagement
  - SEAMLESS – Nov 9 (date changed because the previous one was also McGill's)



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### Open House!

- Invitations have been sent out and guest speakers are being finalized
- Attended 2 “Meet and Greets with Student Execs”
- Memorandum of Agreement
  - Meeting with Claire soon to discuss how to move forward
- Administration
  - Claire and I met with the Provost and DP SLL on Tuesday
    - The DP SLL did not come
    - Discussed McGill’s surplus, this next year’s budget, and the libraries
- Centraide
  - For more info: <http://www.mcgill.ca/centraide/centraide-campaign-2014>
  - Co-chairing the campaign with the Deans of RIR and Law
  - Attend the march of the 1000 umbrellas
    - <http://publications.mcgill.ca/reporter/2014/10/centraide-campaign-off-and-running/>

## Human Resources & Executive

- Student Staff
  - Giving a make up Sustainability training to student staff that requested one in the evening
- Permanent Staff
  - SQ
- Executives
  - The General Manager and I have been meeting with each executive every other week (“workplan meetings”) to review all of our projects and tasks
  - All attended both “SSMU Info Sessions” – met a lot of first years in BMH!
    - <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10201966321313590&set=gm.802116229831718&type=1>

## Sustainability

- Green Staff
  - Met with all four Green Staff last Friday for our monthly check in
  - Green Events Coordinator is working on revamping the Green Events Guide to provide resources for clubs planning events
  - Green Building Coordinator is looking at the environmental impact of the building and working on compost in the cafeteria
- Assessment
  - Environment commissioners are drafting the 2013-2014 assessment and will present it and a report of the Environment Committee to Council on October 23
- Policy / Ad Hoc Committee
  - Scheduling difficulties ☹



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- Finally meeting next Wednesday
  - Research ongoing by the Political Attaché to look at best practices of other university associations
- Environment Committee
  - Meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of SSMU, no longer the SSMU office because of how large the committee is now!
  - Planning their annual Sustainability Conference, SPOKES, which will be Nov 2!
- Attended the ECOLE launch last Friday! May have teared up from happiness and pride.

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney Ayukawa