



Report of the President to Legislative Council

11th of March, 2015

Student Democracy & Constituencies

- Board of Directors
 - BoD meeting before this one
- Judicial Board
 - GA JBoard Case:
 - Received recommendations. Uploaded reference doc to vibe from Jboard
 - *Considering that the J-Board must respect the principles of natural justice, equity, and good conscience in its interpretation and application of the By-Laws and Constitution, the Jboard concludes this recommendation as follows: the J-Board finds a positive obligation on the part of SSMU Legislative Council to create, publicize and bring to all General Assemblies a set of standing rules that promote an effective and accessible process for students as stated in article 5.2 of SSMU By-Law I-5. In order to make a recommendation for the second question, the Jboard found it necessary to distinguish between standing rules and rules of procedure. The distinction between these two sets of rules aims to clarify the point that the special 2/3 majority to pass a Motion to Postpone Indefinitely is not a standing rule at all, but rather a rule of procedure, and therefore does not represent a valid exercise of power on the part of the SSMU Council in establishing standing rules for General Assemblies under Articles 5.2 and 5.2.2 of SSMU By-Law I-5.*
- Council
 - Welcome Victor!
 - Councillors – please begin working on your exit reports for your successor(s)!!
- Faculty Relations
 - Connected student advocacy service with faculty associations to help them with MoA negotiations!
 - Have since followed up with Advocacy to see if this is still an option
- MCSS, PGSS, and MACES
 - SSMU-MCSS Meeting at Mac – canceled?
 - SSMU-PGSS Joint Summit
 - Done! Thanks everyone for coming out
 - There has since been some media coverage of the event!
- Elections SSMU
 - Now supervised by the General Manager because it is mostly an administrative body. I give support and advice when needed



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- Press debates going on right now!
- Candidates debated next Tuesday
- General Assembly



- THIS SUNDAY
 - Doors open at 10:30am and the GA will begin at 11:30am
 - Leacock 132 (then moving to other classrooms once 132 fills up)
 - Rooms booked: 132, 26, 219, 232
 - We need volunteers! <http://ow.ly/Kd07T>
 - I hope all Councillors can help staff!
- Motion writing workshop the Friday before motions were due
 - 1 person attended ☹️
- 3 motions on the agenda and multiple likely coming from the floor
 - Motions thus far: <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/representation/governance/general-assembly/>



- Motions from the floor must be sent to the Speaker by 8:30am on Sunday
- Buying 2 more scanners so getting people in and out faster
- Met with McGill events booking and security to hammer out all details
- Livestreaming will now be on youtube – yay, it is free!
 - Link to livestream will be posted on facebook, twitter, etc.
- Snax will be open selling coffee, etc! 😊
- Governance Document Review
 - BLRCommittee met Monday



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- Thank you for adopting BoD changes!
- BLR Commissioners will bring new By-law Book I (Internal Regulations of the President) to the next Council as a Notice of Motion
- BLR Commissioners then working on VP Ex and VP CS by-laws
- SSMU Handbook / Agenda
 - SQ
- Media
 - SQ

McGill Governance & Relations

- Board of Governors
 - Trying to host April meeting in the SSMU Ballroom to increase accessibility and awareness of the BoG to students
 - Board Student Forum
 - A bit of a flop ☹ miscommunications regarding who will promote and not many students and Governors attended
 - Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility - CAMSR
 - Met before break to discuss Divest petition
 - Emphasized the importance of being transparent with the process and timeline moving forward
 - CAMSR met with Divest while I was in Singapore
 - Meeting with Divest again by the end of the year
 - Buildings Properties Committee – BPC
 - Met before break
- Senate
 - Missed Senate Caucus on Tuesday
 - Academic Policy Committee – APC
 - SQ
 - Senate Committee on Physical Development – SCPD
 - Most recent meeting cancelled
- SEDE
 - Sitting on the hiring committee for the Family Resources Coordinator position – newly established!
- Memorandum of Agreement
 - Will present lessons learned doc at the last Council in Confidential Session
- Administration
 - “Dining with the Dyens” earlier today at Premier Moisson
 - Meeting with Principal and DP SLL next week
 - Are there any things that you would like Claire and I to bring up?
- U21 Student Leaders’ Network
 - <http://www.universitas21.com/event/details/222/student-leaders-network-meeting>
 - This was great! Very interesting since it was only the second year it has met so a



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lot of time at the conference was spent developing the SLN and ensuring it will exist in the long term.

- SSMU is now on the Executive Committee!

Human Resources & Executive

- Student Staff
 - Recruitment for 2015-2016 student staff has started!
<https://careers.smartrecruiters.com/StudentSocietyMcGillUniversity>
- Permanent Staff
 - SQ
- Executives
 - Working on May transition plan
 - Discussed in Executive Committee the importance of remaining neutral in the ongoing campaigns
 - Supporting each other in this time of a lot of stress with projects in our portfolios and personal things in each of our lives

Sustainability

- Green Staff
 - Working with HR Coord to amend the Green events coord and Green building coord job descriptions to be more holistic and to address issues in the positions that have been present in multiple years
- Environment Committee
 - Environment Committee is working on a blue dot campaign with student associations across Canada!
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1403579033289251/>



- Assessment
 - SQ
- Sustainability Committee
 - Meets every Monday
 - Over 400 people have been surveyed!! Woot!!!
 - Sustainability Research Commissioner presented report
 - Plebiscite question



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Respectfully submitted,
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