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## **Councillor Reports – January 29, 2015**

### **Zachariah Houston – Science Rep**

#### Faculty

##### **Jan 19th – SUS Executive Committee**

- General updates, discussed Science Games, upcoming council motions, referendum

##### **Jan 21st - SUS General Council**

- Approved motion to revise CUSS Constitution
- Approved motion to update electoral and referenda regulations
- Postponed approval of the SUS budget to next Council (when results of fee referendum will be available)
- Approved the Motion regarding the submission of written reports to General Council
- Approved the Motion regarding support for QM and Closed POC Events on Campus

##### **Jan 19th to 21st - GC Motions**

- Spent considerable time preparing for SUS General Council, as I was writing 3 motions to bring to GC (see above)
- Various meetings with SUS VP Boytinck, SUS VP Yin-Liao, SUS CRO, Councillor El-Sharawy, and Councillor Li to collaborate on these motions

#### Committees and Ongoing

##### **SUS Constitutional Affairs Committee**

- Met Jan 13th, Jan 20th
- Selected 3 members at large for the Committee
- Finished the immediately pressing amendments on the Electoral By-law
  - General Council approved the amendments

##### **SSMU Funding Committee**

- Jan 13th - meeting cancelled due to lack of Quorum
- Met Jan 20th - some appeals and a few applications
- Discussed further by-law revisions

##### **SSMU Board of Directors**

- SQ, met Jan 15th

##### **SUS Office Hours (M 13:30-15:00)**

- SQ

#### Other Current Projects



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### **Revision of the FUSS Constitution**

- Myself and the SUS ERO are working with the Freshman Undergraduate Science Society to completely overhaul their Constitution
- Meeting this week to plan how we want to go about it

### **Review of SUS Governance Documents**

- As part of my work with the SUS Constitutional Affairs Committee, have been working hard to identify issues with the SUS governance documents
- Hoping to complete a full overhaul this semester, will be meeting with the SUS Speaker of Council this week to discuss

### **Procedures for General Council Documents**

- Working to write by-law changes that will improve the accountability of the SUS General Council, as well as the accessibility of information to constituents
- At last GC, the SSMU reps moved to adopt interim bylaws requiring reports to be submitted in writing to GC, and posted publicly on the SUS website
- Hoping to make further changes so that the full agenda, reports, minutes, and motions of GC will be posted on the SUS website in a timely manner

### Upcoming

- Jan 26th - SUS Executive Committee
- Jan 30th - Meeting with the FUSS president regarding their Constitution
- Feb 4th - SUS General Council

### **David Benrimoh – Senate Caucus Rep**

#### Senate:

- Mental health committee: worked on negotiations with Mental Health Services re: website.
- Attended Senate. Helped to pass late withdrawal policy
- Attended Health Advisory board. Will ask for release of student health survey.

#### MSS:

- Not active

#### Council:

- Accountability Committee: worked on plan for year. Helped to establish timeline for assessments. Worked on councillor survey.



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### **Vincent-Pierre Fullerton – Law Rep**

Nothing to report between last SSMU Council and today.

Looking forward to next by-law review committee meeting to meet the two new by-law review commissioners.

### **Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep**

#### **EUS**

- We have council on January 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **Funding**

- Meeting on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: we went over 17 applications many of which were tabled from last semester and a few new applications. We tabled a few. We also discussed the issues arising due to the new installment based funding. Lastly, we discussed modification of the funding timeline for the club fund.
- DEADLINE FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS IS JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:59:59.
- Meeting on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Our last meeting before the funding apocalypse! See you all on the other side.

#### **IGC**

- Meeting on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>: we had several interim status applications and constitutional amendments. We also had 4 full status applications.
- Meeting on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: most-likely going over more applications! Hopefully, by then Stefan will have sent out the *infamous survey*.

#### **Steering**

- Meeting on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>: you know doing steering things.

#### **Other**

- WE NEED ANOTHER COUNCILLOR FOR THE SSMU DAYCARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. We need to make quorum at least once this year.

### **Yasmine Nadifi – PTOT Rep**

Le 16-17-18 janvier ont eu lieu les jeux OTPT. Cette édition des jeux a été organisé par les étudiants en ergothérapie et physiothérapie de McGill. Ce fut un franc succès! Je faisais parti du comité des bénévoles, ainsi j'ai participé au bon fonctionnement des événements.



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Le 20 janvier, je suis aller rencontrer Tania Canales pour discuter des mesures de sécurité afin de pouvoir réserver le «ballroom» à l'occasion de la journée carrière en ergothérapie, physiothérapie ainsi qu'en orthophonie.

Le 21 janvier était notre première réunion du semestre de POTUS. Notre événement de charité annuel a pour thème le carnaval et aura lieu le 30 janvier. Les fonds iront à une société qui vient en aide aux personnes autistes ainsi qu'à leurs aidants naturels. Un défilé de mode aura lieu au Karina's lounge afin de récolter des fonds pour le bal de graduation des troisièmes années. Une sortie à la cabane à sucre est aussi planifiée pour le mois de mars. Nous sommes présentement en période «pré-électorale», c'est-à-dire que nous sommes en processus de recherche de candidats en vue des élections à venir.

If anyone who doesn't speak french wants a translation of my report, feel free to contact me!

**Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep**

### **SSMU Legislative Council**

**15-Jan-2015**

Legislative council meeting (#8)

### **SSMU Steering Committee**

**12-jan-2015**

Steering committee meeting (#8)

### **SSMU Accountability Committee SQ**

**21-Jan-2015**

Accountability committee meeting

- Discussion about surveys and division of tasks

### **MSS Executive Council SQ**

### **MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee SQ**

### **General**

**Weeks of 11-Jan-2015 and 18-Jan-2015**

Announcement to constituents on Suzanne Fortier address to SSMU legislative council



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### **Rebecca Medvedev – Nursing Rep**

- Attended NUS council meeting on January 16th, 2015.
- This past weekend was the JIIQ Nursing Games at McGill, which hosted over 500 students from nursing schools across Quebec. It was a great success thanks to the hard work of the organizing committee.
- Attended first FERC meeting of the semester. Working on SSMU's investment portfolio. Will meet again in 2 weeks.
- Presented the Nursing Peer Mentorship Program (NPMP) at the Peer Support Community of Practice meeting on recruitment strategies on Friday, January 23rd, 2015.
- Held my weekly office hours on Fridays from 11:30-12:30pm in the NUS office.

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

- AUS Council

- Missed council due to Ottawa Federal Government Networking Trip

- Committees

Library Improvement Fund - will be creating new template for funding applications

Building Committee - SQ

Committee on Student Affairs - SQ

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

- Arts Representatives and Senators will be doing tour of departmental starting this week and are discussing town hall this semester

### **Nancy Zhang – Music Rep**

Emerging Leaders Mini-Conference Wed, Jan 28th @6-9:30pm to develop leadership skills and learn opportunities to get involved at McGill

-I am one of the workshop facilitators

MUSA:



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-we are seeking to find ways to address mental health problems of music students

Committees:

-currently waiting for dates and times of meetings

### **Scott Conrad – Engineering Rep**

- J'ai tenu mes heures de bureau dans la chambre McConnel 5 (Infosys); aucune personne ne m'a approché, mais j'ai discuté avec des membres exécutifs sur le sujet de la dernière rencontre du conseil.
- Je planifie préparer un message adressé au publique qui invite les ingénieures à s'impliquer avec l'AÉUM et de considérer devenir un conseiller pour l'année prochaine.
- Le comité nommé « Rond-table sur l'athlétisme » n'a pas eu de rencontre.
- Le comité ad-hoc du projet Club Hub ne s'est pas rencontré.
- L'AÉÉG fera sa révision du budget se lundi à notre rencontre du conseil; j'aurai des commentaires supplémentaires dès mardi

### **Saurin Shah – Arts and Science Rep**

#### **SSMU**

January 15th – Nominating Committee

- Reviewed most recent application for Law JBoard justices, approving 1
- Discussed changes to structure, purpose, and membership of Nominating Committee

January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Operations Management Committee

- Discussed changes to Gert's booking and payment policies for student groups
- Looked over new gift card and menu designs for The Nest

#### **Arts & Science**

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Arts & Science Assembly

- Approved selection of new VP First Year Affairs
- Discussed selection process for Chief Electoral Officer
- Provided updates on JBoard case

### **Chloe Rourke – Senate Caucus Rep**

#### **Senate**

- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Caucus
  - Discussed year-long personal goals
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Committee for Student Services
  - Approved Innovation Fund application – should be available online soon



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- Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Know Your Rights Campaign Meeting
  - Continue work to create content for website which will have information on student academic rights
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Caucus
  - Principal Fortier and DPSLL Dyens attended caucus
  - Some of the topics that were discussed included: international tuition deregulation, student mental health, food on campus and syllabi available early
- Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Senate Meeting
  - **Late Withdrawal Policy passed!!!!**
    - This allows students with documented, serious mental health issues to withdraw from a semester without record of semester on transcript
    - Generated the most controversy and heated debate all year but it ultimately passed
  - Questions regarding international tuition deregulation:  
[http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2.\\_question\\_regarding\\_international\\_tuition\\_with\\_response.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2._question_regarding_international_tuition_with_response.pdf)
  - Question regarding student-run campus businesses:  
[http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/1.\\_question\\_regarding\\_university\\_support\\_for\\_out-of-the-classroom\\_learning\\_with\\_response.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/1._question_regarding_university_support_for_out-of-the-classroom_learning_with_response.pdf)
  - Follow-ups to joint-board senate meeting regarding innovation and community engagement was presented
  - Presentations and reports on Research & Innovation, Student Life and Learning & University Advancement. Docs available online.  
[www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2014-2015/senate-meeting-documents/january-21-2015](http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2014-2015/senate-meeting-documents/january-21-2015)
- Student Grievances/Counselling & Tutoring Committees – SQ

### **Faculty (Arts & Science)**

1. Jan 13 Arts & Science Assembly
2. Jan 19 Meeting with SACS and BASiC executives
  - a. Discussed problems with cognitive science program (and general Interfaculty Arts & Science program) due to lack of infrastructure and institutional support as well as funding
3. Office Hours: To be determined for this semester, currently available by appointment ([artscisenator@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:artscisenator@ssmu.mcgill.ca))

### **SSMU**

4. Jan 13, Jan 20 Community Engagement Committee
  - a. **Upcoming Community Engagement Mixers:**
    - i. **Jan 28 – Justice & Empowerment**
    - ii. **Feb 4 – Art & Expression**



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1. If anyone has any artwork they would like to be displayed please contact [commengagement@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:commengagement@ssmu.mcgill.ca)
5. Jan 15 Legislative Assembly
6. Jan 23 Mental Health Committee
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> SSMU mental health listserv being sent out
  - b. Discussed future steps including collaborating with Senators on mental health working group
  - c. Issue of required medical notes was raised

**Can be contacted at** [artscisenator@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:artscisenator@ssmu.mcgill.ca)

### **Rachel Weaver – Services Rep**

As always, I hope that I can support and advocate for student run services this semester. I also hope that the Services Review Committee will be able to meet again shortly. I was unable to attend last week's Accountability Committee due to a scheduling conflict, but I am looking forward to working with this committee in the future.

### **Taras Klitovchenko – Dentistry Rep**

Activities since Jan 5, 2014:

Jan 5 – Jan 16: Oral Surgery Externship at Louisiana State University. No class or SSMU activity.

Jan 21 – Dental Student's Society (DSS) meeting.

### **Christie Li – Science Rep**

December 15, 2014 –January 25, 2015 I was able to attend all SSMU-related meeting as well as SUS-related meetings

#### **General**

#### **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014– SSMU Legislative Council**

- I attended the SSMU Legislative Council

#### **January 21, 2014-SUS General Council**

7. I attended SUS General Council
8. Worked on a motion with the other Science SSMU Representatives regarding a the Submission of Written Reports of SUS to General Council to be presented to this council, which was passed. We foresee this would be a great way to ensure important items and dates are communicated in the case of



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- absence to council and to increase accessibility of information to our constituents.
9. The three Science SSMU representatives discussed some ideas for the new semester and we would like to organize a “meet the representative” event
  10. I am currently planning a “Meet the Representative” event with the other SSMU Representatives as a way to engage our constituents in the workings of their student government being both the SUS and SSMU. This event is intended as a way to hit two birds with one stone in the sense that it will be an opportunity for incoming candidates for the upcoming SUS elections to meet us and acquaint with the responsibilities and undertakings of a SSMU representative.

### **Committee**

1. Reviewed an interest statement of a potential candidate for a member at large.
2. I agreed for her to join the Nominating Committee as a member at large by replying to the general manager, Pauline

### **Office Hours for Fall Term**

- Thursdays from 9:30-10:30

### **Ongoing**

- January 29, 2014: SSMU Legislative Council SUS General Council
- February 4, 2014: SUS General Council
- January 29, 2014: Office hours
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### **Alex Kpeglo-Hennessy – Arts Rep**

AUS

- FAC: Meets Tuesday
- CSA: SQ
- Still waiting for confirmation for the room booking for our Wine & Cheese. Would be Feb. 6th from 6-8pm in Arts 160 if approved
- I will be sitting on the Valedictorian and Teaching Awards Selection Committee

SSMU

- By-Law Review: SQ
- Ad-Hoc Student Engagement Committee: SQ

Office Hours: Wednesdays 1:00-2:30

### **Romeo Bidar – Social Work Rep**



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- Still working on the next SWSA meeting; have not yet met in 2015.
- Waiting for equity committee meeting.
- Working on social work school town hall and meeting with students to organize the ideas to be addressed and also answering their questions.

### **Deven Sanon – Management Rep**

- MUS is currently gearing up for next elections cycle
- Carnival went amazing, with a record amount raised (mid \$40ks), and \$32k in just the Cancer Auction
- MUS has MoA meetings coming up, Legal committee will be meeting to discuss what we will be going into the table with
- MUS student Space survey is out, trying to see what the students would like best with our new space. Student space committee will meet after survey has been completed.
- African Business Initiative conference just happened this past weekend, was a great success.
- Desautels Management Achievement Awards are coming up
- Entertainment Management Conference is coming up as well.
- Jeux du Commerce games also went stellar, MUS placed very well compared to most recent past years.

### **Eddie Lin – Arts Rep**

SSMU

→ Attended Operations Management Committee Meeting

AUS

→ Met with Cindy from CAPS and Ali from Alumni Relations for discussion about how Arts students could better reach out to McGill Alumni

→ Started Departmental Tour, went to EASSA Council Meeting

→ Organized Diverse AUS Mini-Conference

### **Émilie Boutin – Education Rep**

- Thrift Shop happening this Wednesday, January 28th: Students have been giving their gently used clothes to the EdUS office and we will be having a Thrift Shop event in the Education Lobby on Wednesday from 9am to 4pm. All money raised goes to the Breakfast Club of Canada
- Career Fair next Monday. Employers from across Canada are coming to the SSMU Ballroom to inform future teachers of available job opportunities.



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- Finding a replacement for my position as I will be leaving to go a teaching placement as of February.

### **Lola Baraldi – Arts Rep**

- Office hours o Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:30 to 2:30
- Committees o ACE – meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> o FEARC – planning Quebec City winter carnival trip o AUSEC o Ethical Business Practices – finding meeting time o External Affairs – SQ o SSPN – planning Faculty Olympics
- Working on: o Establishing partnerships
- Bringing in the Bystander □□□OSD □□□DivestMcGill
- o SEDE □□□Seeds of change crowdfunding campaign
- o ECOLE □□□Indigenous speaker panel in February

### **Lexi Michaud – FYC Rep**

#### FYC:

FYC is still working hard on the formal for the end of the year. We are beginning to finalize dates. We are also selling tickets for IRC's event Mardi Gras to support them.

#### Community Engagement Committee:

We are holding two mixers which we have been planning ferociously. They are coming up on the 28th and on February 4th. We think they will be a success and hope the students enjoy them.

#### Nominating Committee:

We are in the process of choosing three members at large but aren't getting many responses.

### **Kareem Ibrahim – Arts Rep**

#### **AUS**

- i) Faculty of Arts Council met this past Tuesday

#### **SSMU**

- i) Sustainability Committee – Doing sustainability surveys and working with Julie, the new sustainability research commissioner



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- ii) Accountability Committee met, finalizing surveys
  - Helping organize Disabilities Awareness Week with the OSD
  - Developing the UDL (Universal Design for Learning) pilot project

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

i) Committee on Student Services – Met recently, discussed Innovation Fund & OSD objectives

ii) Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities; SQ

iii) Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA); SQ

iv) Caucus; Meeting Tuesdays and Mondays, alternating – Principal Fortier & DP Dyens came last week

v) Senate; Asked the following questions for Senate of January

Question Regarding Student-Run Food Services on Campus  
Questions Regarding the Deregulation of International Student Tuition

- **ECOLE** ; Collective meetings will be happening weekly on Mondays at 6PM!
  - Board of Directors met on the 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Working on institutionalizing
- **SEDE**; Working on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Launch
- **QPIRG**; Working on CURE (Community-University Research Exchange)

### **Niall Carolan – Management Rep**

The MUS BoD elections and VP interviews are quickly approaching; so last week, in preparation for this, our exec team held a coffee meet and greet with prospective candidates to answer any questions regarding our positions. The elections are being handled largely by our VP internal and he is looking forward to a successful election period. The funding committee met on the 20th of January and reviewed the first 17 applications of the new semester, beyond this all things remain status quo.

### **Rohan Sachal – Clubs Rep**

Not much happened since the last meeting.

For funding committee: I attended the meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

For IGC committee: Because IGC meetings happen on Wednesdays, I unfortunately cannot make them due to my Biol 301 Lab (6 hours long) interfering with the IGC time.



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Hence, I was asked to step down from the committee in order for another councillor to take my position.

Office hours: I have to start my office hours again for the upcoming semester.

### **Omar El-Sharawy – Science Rep**

So for SUS we are in the process of our online voting referendum and last GC zac and I passed an accountability motion and I finally sorted out my office hours. For SSMU I went to steering and nothing to report