



Councillor Reports – October 15, 2015

Erin Sobat – Senate Caucus Representative

I hope that everyone is adjusting to the change of seasons outside! I feel like I haven't spent enough time interacting with constituents this term, so will definitely be attending more upcoming departmental events. I haven't scheduled specific office hours but am always available by appointment: please get in touch at artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca!

Senate

- Senate
 - Next meeting Wednesday, October 21st
 - Asking question regarding McGill's intake of refugee students; scheduled reports on University Advancement, Physical Development, Research Misconduct & the review of Regulations on the Conduct of Research
 - We have now received the report on McGill executive's salary information: <http://tinyurl.com/nzotx38> (see page 31)
- Senate Caucus
 - Discussed Law Library exam hours, Royal Victoria Hospital site, employment equity strategy & medical note issues
 - All meetings are open to SSMU members, however October 19th caucus with PGSS senators will be in Lev Bukhman for greater accessibility!
- Academic Policy Committee (APC)
 - Met briefly on Thursday, October 8th to approve business
 - Next meeting Thursday, October 29th
- Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC)
 - Met on Tuesday, October 6th
 - Update & discussion on Student Assessment Policy revisions, Fall Reading Break, medical note issues, Family Care Program & subcommittee reports
 - Next meeting Tuesday, November 3rd
- Committee on Student Services (CSS)
 - Next meeting Tuesday, October 20th
 - Likely discussion around goals of new Interim Senior Director, Student Services internal unit review & Innovation Fund project reports
- Principal's Task Force on the Royal Victoria Hospital Site
 - Met Tuesday, September 29th
 - Essentially developing "mission statement" for the potential acquisition of the Royal Victoria Hospital site, to guide feasibility study committee(s)
 - Will be pushing for broad student consultation on long-term space priorities (in collaboration with student senators & SSMU)
 - Next meeting Tuesday, October 13th
- Senior Director of Student Services Search Committee



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- Search was postponed while Student Services undergoes internal review; however, Deputy Provost unilaterally appointed Robyn Wiltshire, Director of DPSLL Office, as new Interim Director starting October 5th
- Joint statement released by student associations: <http://ow.ly/SRqO9>
- Dean of Arts Search Committee
 - Met on Wednesday, October 7th to shortlist candidates for interviews in early December; looking to have announcement by January 2016

SSMU

- Internal Regulations Review Committee (IRRC)
 - Met on Wednesday, September 30th for introductory discussion
 - Currently reviewing External Affairs Portfolio Internal Regulations
 - Next meeting this Wednesday, October 14th
- Nominating Committee
 - Met twice in August to approve shortlist & hires for Elections SSMU & Judicial Board; reported to Legislative Council September 17th
 - Next meeting to nominate new Deputy Electoral Officer still TBD
- "Know Your Rights" Working Group
 - Chairing working group under the University Affairs Committee; emphasis on outreach & promotional efforts around student rights
 - First meeting this Friday, October 16th
- University Affairs Committee
 - Responsible for overseeing research & advocacy priorities of UA portfolio, including advising on SSMU MoA negotiations
 - First meeting still TBD

AUS

- Legislative Council
 - Met on Wednesday, October 7th
 - Approved Fall Referendum period; discussed 2015-16 budget, VP Finance selection process & SSMU Climate Change Policy
- Memorandum of Agreement Working Group
 - Currently a proposal is on the table to allow SNAX to sell sandwiches; negotiations will focus on reducing trade-offs (e.g. price controls)
 - President & VP Finance have a meeting with DPSLL on October 23rd
- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Committee
 - Working with AUS President to bring in more consistent HR policies around hiring & stipends
 - Discussions have been ongoing; first formal meeting still TBD
- Other Projects
 - Assisting KANATA in creating Indigenous Studies Students' Associations
 - Advising on review of departmental constitutions & GA procedures
 - Will contribute to discussions around VP Finance selection & training



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BASiC

- Arts & Science Assembly
 - Attended BASiC Assembly with Arts Senator & Science Senator on September 29th; rotating attendance for remainder of semester
 - Projects: institutionalizing Arts & Science Senator position; funding improvements for Arts Sci scholarships, administration & teaching

Faculty of Arts

- Faculty of Arts Meetings
 - Met on Tuesday, September 29th
 - Update on Faculty of Religious Studies integration, School of Public Policy creation, budgetary situation & space changes
 - Next meeting Tuesday, October 27th
- Curriculum Committee
 - Reviews proposals for new or revised programs & courses in the Faculty
 - September 14th meeting cancelled; first meeting now October 19th
- Humanities & Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC)
 - Responsible for advising Head of McLennan-Redpath Library on policies around collections, services & user needs
 - First meeting Friday, October 23rd

Chelsea Kingzett - Environment Rep

Councilor Report #2

1. Submitted a councilor blurb in the MESS listserv promoting student-initiated referendum questions and recruitment for members at large for various SSMU committees.
2. I have been in email correspondence with 3 students about joining some of the SSMU ad-hoc committees and have put them in contact with the correct person to inquire about the application processes.
3. I submitted the revised version of the Motion of the Adoption of the Climate Change Policy to the Parliamentarian.



4. I attended a MESS council meeting and filled them in on the motions that passed at council, along with an update of other happenings within the SSMU in the past week: the resignation of the VP Internal, and the appointment of the Interim Director of Student Services by the Deputy Provost.

5. I asked MESS council for feedback on the Adoption of the Climate Change Policy so I could make recommendations at the roundtable meeting.

6. I participated in a roundtable to make amendments on the Adoption of the Climate Change Policy.

Adam Templer – Arts Rep

- AUS Activities
 - Election of Gabriel Ning to vacant Arts Rep position
 - Council
 - Discussions
 - Discussion over procedure for VP Finance election
 - Discussion over SSMU Adopting a Climate Change Policy
 - Motions
 - Revision of ESA Constitution – Motion tabled
 - Fall referendum period approved
 - AUS Committee allocations approved
 - Announcements
 - Tentative AUS budget was presented to Council
 - Tentative Frosh budget was presented to Council
- Committees/Meetings
 - Steering Committee – SSMU
 - Absent from meeting on the 9th
 - Internal Regulations/By-Law Review Committee – SSMU
 - Absent from meeting on the 16th
 - Board of Directors – SSMU
 - Meeting set for the 15th
 - Meetings Regarding Adoption of Climate Change Policy
 - Met with other faculties 3x 1st and the 5th
 - Roundtable held on the 9th
 - Second roundtable held on 14th
 - Planning for a week of anti-sexual harassment events in February – AUS
 - Working with AUS Equity Committee
 - Submitted funding application



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- Meetings held on 3rd, 6th, 7th of October
- Upcoming meetings at the time of report are the 13th and 16th

Sean Taylor – Science Rep

SSMU:

- Attended ECOLE collective meeting and spoke with members about how I will have a role in their board and leadership
- Missed Building Committee meeting due to being during class, hoping to be able to change time of the next meeting to be able to attend

SUS:

- Attended GC, budget was passed unanimously
- SUS is also looking to restart a laptop lending program
- Had first two Environment committee meetings, on which I am a director, and are planning our first two events for the fall semester
- Auditors finished up three years of back-logged audits
- Now that the SUS has a CRO, can begin election process for third SSMU Representative

Justin Bains – Science Rep

SUS General Council:

- Biweekly
- Our last council was Oct. 14 (last night), and our next is Oct. 28 (report from Oct. 14 GC will be included in next report, as deadline for report is before Wednesday council)
- Sept. 30 council we approved the budget – was presented very well, and all executives and departments were pleased.
- Terms of reference were approved for SUS Operational and Organizational Committees.

Other:

- My office hours have been assigned (Friday: 12 – 1 pm – SUS Office)
- I am now sitting on the SEC (Science Event Planning Committee) under the Internal portfolio.
 - This is a new committee under Science this year, replacing the old Science Games committee.
 - It is in charge of all Science related social events, to promote inclusivity throughout the faculty.
 - First meeting was last week, and we just announced our Science HYPE Night – Power Hour. (November 11 – Café Campus) – Please pass on the message to anyone you know that is interested, tickets are sold by committee members.
- I am also sitting on the mental health committee, we have yet to meet.



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- If you have further questions, or would like more information on anything that I have mentioned, please email me at: sciencerep1@ssmu.mcgill.ca with questions or attend my office hours mentioned above.

Catherine McDougall – Engineering Rep

New Business

- Many friendly amendments have been made for the Climate Change policy motion.
- More amendments to be made and discussed before Thursday.

EUS Council

- The council had its first meeting on campus this past Wednesday.
- The budget was presented, discussed, and approved. OAP did very well bringing in a lot of money. As well come to homecoming October 24th! FREE entry from 11am to 1pm.
- Common room windows are being redone and the committee room has been painted to become more inclusive.
- The motion to

Committees

- SSPN council has started to work on 4floors. The theme has been decided as murder mystery. I am in charge of programming for the event, mainly focusing on fun games to have on the second floor in the cafeteria. Come join us for a fun night on October 29th.
- Still no news about the athletic rep position

Current Work

- Continuing planning for personal initiatives.
- Continuing communications with EUS Departments.
- Communicating the Climate Change Policy motion to make sure every voice is heard. Working on many amendments to make it the least harmful possible for engineering.

Valérie Olivier – Law Rep

Motion pour l'adoption d'une politique sur le changement climatique

Lundi le 5 octobre, j'ai rencontré un des représentants de la faculté des arts afin de discuter de changements à apporter à la Motion pour l'adoption d'une politique sur le changement climatique. Ensemble, nous avons passé en revue les articles de la motion afin de clarifier le langage utilisé ainsi que les politiques proposées. Nous allons également rencontrer la vice-présidente externe, avant le prochain conseil, afin de répondre aux critiques internes et travailler à l'élaboration d'amendements.



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Sous-comités

Pour ce qui est du travail des sous-comités du SSMU, soit PARC et Student Engagement, j'attends toujours d'être contactée par les responsables. J'ai toutefois été approchée par Mediation McGill et Student Advocacy afin de travailler ensemble à une proposition visant une réforme du système disciplinaire de McGill. Je crois que cette proposition pourrait bien s'intégrer au travail éventuel de PARC.

Affaires internes - faculté de droit

Je travaille présentement à l'organisation du colloque inter-facultaire de la CADED 2016 qui se tiendra à McGill. Nous envoyons cette semaine nos premières invitations aux conférenciers ainsi que notre plan de commandites aux différentes firmes.

Pour ce qui est de la bibliothèque Nahum Gelber, le compromis proposé par l'Association des étudiants en droit semble avoir été adopté et guidera probablement l'approche de l'administration lors de la prochaine période d'examen.

En tant que vice-présidente externe, j'ai été contactée par Startup Openhouse Montréal afin de participer et promouvoir l'événement. Si ce n'est pas déjà fait, je crois que c'est un événement qui pourrait également être partagé à l'ensemble des étudiants de McGill.

Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep

Absences

I am out-of-town from Sept 19 to Oct 18 inclusively for my clerkship rotation. Nevertheless, I am available via e-mail and Skype.

SSMU Legislative Council

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Legislative council meeting (#2)

- Attendance by Skype
- Questions re: student fee model/budgeting
- Questions re: foreign affairs (student federations, Fight for Fifteen coalition)
- Questions re: councillor vacancies on committees

SSMU Nominating Committee

SQ

SSMU Accountability Committee



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No meetings scheduled to date. SQ

SSMU Ad Hoc Internal Regulations Review Committee

Excused absence.

MSS Executive Council

SQ

Other Activities

Communications of events and opportunities to constituents

- McGill Senate committee openings
- SSMU committee openings

Climate Change Policy

- Consultation with constituents re: Climate Change Policy
- Submission of policy review, recommendations, and amendments to sponsors/movers

Lexi Michaud – Arts Rep

New Business

- **Congratulations to new Arts Representative Gabriel Ning** who has been elected
 - o Transition into the position
 - o Getting to know Gabe
- Creation of Anonymous Feedback form on the AUS Website
 - o Still working on glitches and details but receiving submissions and have now started to post the questions for aided information
 - o Answers posted onto the Arts Rep blog
- Attended the Student Leader Course Evaluation Discussion on Tuesday October 6th
 - o Informative and interesting to hear from other student leaders and faculties
 - o Deputy Provost Ollivier Dyens attended for questions and information
 - o Looking for ways to encourage students to complete course evaluations
- Arts Reps now hold an office hour on Tuesdays (bi-weekly on the weeks correlating with SSMU legislative council) on various places on campus
 - o This week collecting information from constituents mostly about the law library hour restrictions and the policy on climate change

AUS Council

- Held discussion about the policy on climate change
- Discussion about whether or not to make the position of VP Finance an appointed position

Committees



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- So far most committees have not met
- First meetings for Committee on Student Affairs and Constitutional and By-law Review Committee unfortunately cancelled for various reasons
- External Affairs Committee preparing to meet shortly

Current Work

- Working on archiving documents related to FYC from now on as well as a few other changes to the structure of the service
- Looking to update Arts Reps representation in the AUS constitution
- Working on improving Anonymous Feedback Form
- Organizing Arts Rep Meet and Greet
 - Tentative date: November 10th

Jenujah Vadivel – PTOT Rep

Meeting with PTOT Administration Staff:

- Discussed the rules of Hosmer House, and what our roles as POTUS execs were
- Met all the staff

Meeting for Course Evaluation:

- Discussed on the changes of the mercury website
- Discussed on what us executives can do in order to influence fellow students to fill the evaluation
- Explained the importance of the evaluation for the teachers and rules on how to comment on the questions

Will be having our POTUS executive meeting on October 16

- Updates on what happened the last month
- Will be discussing on future events and also PTOT games

Michael Colatruglio – Education Rep

SSMU

- Promoted Vote On Campus and Mental Health Awareness Week amongst faculty.

EdUS

- Office hours from 1-2 pm on Fridays.
- Met with EdUS council Wednesday October 7th
- Informed them of ongoing situations at SSMU, such as issues with the GM and VP Internal, as well as ongoing talks with the student federations.

Lucas Francioli – Management Rep



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MUS Board of Directors

- First year representatives & Ombudsperson have been elected:
 - o U0 representative: Caroline Berger
 - o U1 representative: Gabrielle Ho
 - o Ombudsperson: Adam Carris
- Due to Thanksgiving week-end we are going to be holding meetings on October 11th and October 18th

Student involvement

- This year, the MUS has successfully increased first year involvement by creating first year positions within all clubs & committees
- The Fall Involvement package for all students was released

Becky Goldberg – Arts Rep

- Committee Reports:
 - The Community Engagement Committee is set to have its first meeting next Thursday.
 - QPIRG: I e-mailed QPIRG regarding my allocation... They wanted to read the blurb I submitted to SSMU before confirming my position.
- AUS Committees
 - Careers: We are starting to interview Work your B.A. Coords this week. We need to hire them to get the rest of the Career Coordination Committee started... In terms of aspects of their agenda: Grad Fair is in the works. I met with Tanya last week to go over logistics and I also rented materials from plate club to serve our guests and I'm looking into catering options..
 - ACE:
 - We finally launched the facebook event for Mental Space (which is this Friday!) as part of Mental Health Awareness Week
 - I have contacted the SSMU equity commissioners and the AUS equity commissioners about hosting a second forum on cultural appropriation in the Arts Lounge. I booked it out for October 27th because its super important to have right before Halloween. I=
 - I reached out to Alan at SEDE to discuss the option of an indigenous perspectives workshop hopefully for second semester... but I might ask his thoughts on the forum to see if he has any thoughts to integrate. ACE is currently meeting on a weekly basis and we've got a great group of enthusiastic folks who have a bunch of new ideas.



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- MASEC: I met with the McGill Alumni Association (on MASEC, which also had a representative from science, mac campus, management, and engineering) to discuss ways in which the MAA can reach out to support student groups and enhance student-alumni relations.
- AUS Council
 - Relatively good feedback from council regarding the motion on climate justice. We went over some proposed amendments that were intended to appeal to a few folks who had been outspoken with their concerns about the motion.
 - Motion from departmental associations to change structure and add a co-president; this was tabled on the pretext of communicating more deeply with economic students.
 - We approved our committee members, our dates for fall referendums, and our budget. (AUS VP Finance did an amazing job sorting it out from last year, and after going over the frosh budget we are most likely going to break even)