



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO COUNCIL

November 19th



Meme of the week: The sum of my social life (notably, I can't really handle a social life that involves much more than food these days, anyway)

Legend: Items in **black** are traditionally in the President's portfolio, items in **red**, however, are not. Items in **green** are new initiatives.

GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Traditionally undertaken jointly with the General Manager*

- Met on Monday, urgently, to discuss a plan of action re: elections

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

- Equity trainings are now complete – please email me if you didn't get training and we haven't already discussed it

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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**Traditionally undertaken jointly with the Vice-President (Internal)*

- The first GA of the year didn't meet quorum but went seamlessly nonetheless! I was quite content with the outcome, considering we had nothing to approve

GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT REVIEW

- Will be bringing my IRs for notice at the next Council on Dec. 3rd – large process as it involves consultation with many groups, especially Executives

PRESIDENTS' ROUNDTABLE

- Met in the first week of November and folks have opted to not meet until January

JUDICIAL BOARD

**Traditionally, the General Manager would ensure that the hiring of the Judicial Board (JBoard) justices goes well and is removed from the Executives, to avoid potentially biased influence*

- Currently reviewing the Internal Regulations relating to the JBoard; 6 are hired
- We have received our first JBoard case (I believe we may have 2) – stay tuned.

HUMAN RESOURCES

PERMANENT STAFF

- **Social Committee**
 - Organizing the Staff Holiday Party (Dec. 4th)
 - The results from the survey I conducted a few weeks back will guide future events
- **General Manager (GM)**
 - **Recruitment:**
 - Got an update from Kenniff & Racine last week; we have some promising candidates. We will be shortlisting them on the 23rd
 - **Supervision:** Have been supervising the following full-time staff since their departure:
 - Events Manager
 - Communications & Publications Manager
 - Human Resources Advisor
 - Daycare Director
 - Our newly-hired Daycare Director has unfortunately resigned, as they were not aware of the many issues that hadn't been dealt with while we were without a Daycare Director from May through November, so I will be taking on their responsibilities in full

STUDENT STAFF

- Working on making Guides for each position, rather than a brief & insubstantial Exit Report
- Conducted Evaluation Meetings with all my student staff, as the 2.5month probation period has elapsed – these are usually fun and a nice reminder to staff that they are awesome.



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- Supervision & management
 - Internal Regulation Review Commissioner
 - Parliamentarian
 - Speaker
 - Sustainable Events Coordinator
 - Environment Commissioners (2)
 - Ethics Commissioner
 - Secretary General
 - Largely working with me on Centraide stuff
 - Recording Secretary (early September)
 - General Manager Administrative Assistant (early October)
 - Presidential Administrative Officer (late October)
 - Largely working with me on Centraide stuff & holiday party
 - Family Care Commissioner (November)

EXECUTIVES

- Organized a retreat for the Execs on Nov. 13th-15th – it was splendid!
- Restructuring SSMU
 - Holding a consultation for staff on Nov. 24th @ 4PM in the Boardroom and a general one for students on the 26th at 5:00PM
<https://www.facebook.com/events/625720044232847/>
 - This is the most recent proposal we've collaborated on: <http://bit.ly/1WUSDdd>

REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY

SENATE

- Senate
 - **Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity Subcommittee on Aboriginal Peoples**
 - We've met twice and have many projects on the go (ongoing)
 - We're working with the University on the final iteration of the traditional territorial acknowledgement
 - Beginning discussions for the (hopeful) eventual creation of an Indigenous Secretariat (2021, the 200th anniversary of McGill, seems quite timely!), which would spearhead both recruitment of and support for Indigenous students and faculty

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- SQ
- CAMSR (Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility)
 - We met on Nov. 11th and consulted our last 'expert' – the rest is confidential.

CAMPUS RELATIONS



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- **Deputy Provost, Student Life & Learning (DPSLL)**
 - SQ
- **First-Year Undergraduate Network (FUN)**
 - This has become a part of FYC (First-Year Council)
- **McGill Alumni Association (MAA)**
 - Working together on a project for 2nd semester
- **McGill Association for Continuing Education Students (MACES)**
 - Collaborating on events for the Centraide Campaign
- **Macdonald Campus Students' Society (MCSS)**
 - The Student Rep meetup is tomorrow! I hope you're all going! Yay.
- **McGill Community Council (MCC)**
 - SQ
- **McGill Office of Sustainability (MOOS)**
 - I will be sitting on the Catalyst Awards Review Committee – meeting soon
- **Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS)**
 - SQ
- **Student Housing & Hospitality Services (SHHS)**
 - FADAC – Food and Dining Advisory Committee
 - SQ
 - Have been meeting with the SHHS Director, Mathieu, and Executive Chef, Oliver de Volpi, to discuss collaborations

MEDIA

- SQ

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Many cool projects happening with Environment Committee
- The Sustainable Events Coordinator is working on incorporating elements of sustainable event planning into SSMU's event management software, in addition to our own events

FAMILY CARE

DAYCARE

- **As mentioned above, per the recent resignation of our newly-hired Daycare Director, I will taking on these responsibilities (sorting out the pension plan, budgeting for the year, as we have not had a budget since March 2015, etc)**
- Lease negotiations in January 2016 (preparations have begun)



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- Have been having ongoing discussions with PGSS with regards to their MoA (contract) with the Daycare, as it is soon expiring

FAMILY CARE

- Working with the Julia and McGill's Family Resource Coordinator on outreach and promotion of newly-available services

PROJECTS & OUTREACH

- **Centraide Campaign**
 - **Traditionally would have been undertaken jointly with the VP Internal*
 - Have been meeting regularly with the McGill Centraide Committee, as one of the 3 campaign co-chairs; our goal is \$475'000 this year, at McGill – we have \$369 so far!
 - Organizing the first-ever [Centraide Cup](#), an interfaculty competition to raise funds for Centraide, from Nov. 1st to Dec. 1st – the prize is soon to be announced!
 - Organizing the first-ever [Centraide Apartment Crawl](#) with various other students groups, on Nov. 21st in the Milton-Parc & Lower Plateau areas (\$10 tickets, join us!)
 - Also organizing a Gerts Night for Centraide, in addition to a Pancake Breakfast!
- **Unique Meetings**
 - Met with the MUS VP Academic, as their President resigned

PERSONAL

Have been significantly upset and rattled by the violence that has been broadcasted far and wide across media channels, not only because of those ones, but also because of the many that have not accessed similar channels. Gloomy frame of mind.

In solidarity,

Kareem Ibrahim

