



Report to Legislative Council
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PERSONAL

- My office hours run from 11am – 1pm on Wednesdays and from 2pm – 4pm on Thursdays and continue to be well attended. Visits from councilors are always welcome!

CLUBS

- Congratulations to the Spanish and Latin American Students Association for their nomination for the Forces Avenir award – Forces Avenir seeks to recognize individuals and groups with a commitment to social justice and community engagement and SLASA was recognized for one of the projects that emerged from their SLASummit project.
- The Club Committee continues to meet on a weekly basis – we are continuing to receive a high volume of applications for interim status clubs which has unfortunately unavoidably decreased the timeline for approval slightly. We are still looking for one Councillor to join this committee!
- Make-up Club Workshops ran throughout last week – almost all groups have now attended a workshop. I have been pushing to improve understanding of mandatory policies, legal and insurance requirements, and accountability structures among club executives.
- Miscellaneous issues with clubs are ongoing.

SERVICES

- First Year Council was elected at the end of last week – congratulations to the new team and welcome to our new FYC Councillor!
- The Services Review Committee met for the first time last week for an introductory meeting and debrief on each of SSMU's 20 Services. With an initial brainstorming session undertaken we will be working on a more concrete development of a methodology at the next meeting and will begin reaching out to individual Services to start the process. We are still looking for one Councillor to join the Services Review Committee!
- Miscellaneous issues with services are ongoing.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

- My appointment as the SSMU Representative to the CKUT Board of Directors was confirmed at last week's Annual General Meeting – we will be meeting with the new Board of Directors next week and continuing work on a new Grievance Policy, on initiatives of the McGill Outreach Committee, and on the upcoming funding drive.

BUILDING

- The Building Committee has invested in a new stage for the Ballroom, which has finally been installed – it is both much nicer looking and much safer than the old stage, so it will be a huge benefit to student groups looking to host more professional events in that space!



- Construction work on the access ramp in the front of the building is ongoing – construction on the South Side entrance can be expected after the access ramp is completed. All other construction projects in the building are status quo for the time being.
- I am looking at general space improvements to existing rooms in the building utilizing currently underused spaces – we'll be looking at opening a series of projects to complete this goal – one example is the creation of a new food prep area within Room 108.
- The Building Committee will be reviewing my proposal for the Space Fee at their meeting tomorrow – I am looking to open up the list of projects to be considered for Space Fee funding to students so any SSMU member can recommend projects in our building they would like to see funded or space improvements they would like SSMU to dedicate resources towards.
- Members-at-large have started expressing interest about the Ad-Hoc Space Committee, so after we recruit one more member at large the committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss long-term planning for the building and the type of consultation campaign we would like to execute this semester.
- As part of my annual project working on the development of a new long term vision for our building, the Sustainable Building Coordinator and I will be conducting a series of audits over the course of this semester to determine the current standards for our building and how we can move forward. Our Energy Audit methodology has been finalized and we'll be conducting the Energy Audit this upcoming weekend. Once the Energy Audit is completed, our next step is the creation and execution of an accessibility audit.
- This upcoming week I'll be beginning a review of tenant leases in the building as we approach the opening of a series of lease negotiations in the coming months.
- Building and Space Committees:
 - The SSMU Building Committee has been meeting bi-weekly – a report will be submitted to Council later in the semester when more of the Space Fee has been allocated.
 - Senate Committee on Physical Development had its first meeting of the semester, which took the form of general updates on ongoing construction projects around campus, including consultation places for the RVH. The Committee also saw a Vision 2020 presentation.
 - The Senate Subcommittee on Gardens and Grounds is currently determining how to spend a roughly \$400k budget for this year and is undertaking a major review of project proposals to determine what will be funded. One hot topic is grass on lower field – the committee considered proposals for alternatives to grass on lower field. Currently the committee is looking at a number of feasibility studies before making final funding decisions. The Committee has also been regularly looking at plans and making considerations for the upcoming Promenade Urbaine.

STAFF

- I am currently in the process of hiring for two new student staff positions in areas of my portfolio that previously had no student staff support.



- A Services Administrative Coordinator will be spearheading a major constitutional review for SSMU Services and will be assisting in some of the administrative work associated with the Service Review process.
- A Clubs and Services Communications Officer will be assisting with some of the communications related portfolio tasks, including listserv production, website content updates, and social media management, as well as contributing to resource development and helping with the creation of some new online tools on the Clubs and Services section of the website.

GENERAL MANAGER TASK DELEGATION

- Things have been calmer on this front – dealing with miscellaneous insurance, building, and corporate requirements.

VICE-PRESIDENT (INTERNAL) TASK DELEGATION

- We are now back on a regular Monday morning listserv schedule! As always, feedback about the current structure of the listserv and commentary on what you would like to see is always welcome!
- Logistical planning for 4Floors continues to go well – I have been finalizing all of the tasks related to the building, tenant relations, security, insurance, operations, and other logistical work. Emily is rocking the programming and promotions side of the planning!

BUILDING DIRECTOR TASK DELEGATION

- I have taken on the supervision of a number of new staff in the absence of the Building Director and will be working on the ongoing coordination of workplan meetings and continued task delegation. I will be meeting on a weekly basis with everyone else involved in task delegation to ensure projects maintain their momentum.
- I will be meeting with Zach in the coming weeks to discuss the Building and IT budgets in advance of the October revision.

MISCELLANEOUS

- I am beginning a major substantive review of the Internal Regulations of the Clubs and Services Portfolio – let me know if you have feedback that you would like to see incorporated!

Respectfully submitted,

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