



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & OPERATIONS) TO COUNCIL 28 JANUARY 2016

1. HIGH PRIORITY

- Club audits
 - We finally hired a club auditor, and I'm hoping to get started on them asap. The Club Auditor had some awesome ideas for how we could make further improvements to the audit systems and placed a strong emphasis on improving communication with student groups.
 - Thanks to the VP Clubs & Services reminding all the clubs, we received a record number of audit submissions – 84% of clubs submitted their audits on time (compared to 69% for Winter 2015 and 44% for Fall 2014).
 - We'll also be accepting late audits for another week, which the VP Clubs & Services will consider for the annual club status requirements, but will not be considered by the Funding Committee.
- MiniCourses
 - Registration picked up way faster this term – we have 175-200 people registered so far.
- Faculty Olympics
 - I've scheduled a meeting with the VP Internal to finalize the Faculty Olympics budget.
- Frosh
 - Still held up on the security / grounds billing... so SQ.
- February Budget
 - I've started working on the February Budget revision, which will be presented at the last Council in February. This means I need to schedule 20 hours of meetings with the Services, so the next few weeks will be busy for the VP Clubs and Services and myself.
- Appointment of auditor
 - Writing GA motion to appoint the auditor for 2015-16.
- Upcoming Winter 2016 Referenda
 - This weekend, I'll be preparing motions for many of the upcoming referenda questions. So far, it looks like we'll be seeing motions for Access McGill, Access Bursary, Writing Centre, WUSC, Equity, and possibly questions on student federation affiliation and changes to the health & dental plan.

2. OTHER

- SSMU-McGill Memorandum of Agreement
 - I have a meeting scheduled with the VP University Affairs and the DPSLL office regarding the MOA – we will finish reviewing the preliminary draft prepared by the DPSLL office.



3. COMMITTEES

- Funding
 - First real meeting scheduled for tonight (Tuesday). We are reviewing the Ambassador Fund.
 - The Funding Commissioner found that the new application makes the applications much faster to process – I'm hoping that this also improves the speed of the meetings.

- HDRC
 - HDRC is on a super tight timeline to have a referendum question completed by mid-February, but we decided to aim for it anyway. We're meeting with ASEQ this weekend to hear the numbers.

- FERC
 - SQ, working on Purchasing / Investment Policy and development of Purchasing Database.

4. OTHER

- In accordance with the Accountable Leadership Policy, a log of my hours is publically available. You can view my [hours log](#) here.

Respectfully submitted,

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