



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

29 SEPTEMBER 2016

CLUBS

- Club Workshops will be taking place during the first week of October (week of October 3rd). Club Workshops will include information on how to create and submit a club audit, how to apply for funding, and how to plan inclusive events for their members, among other things.
- The Club Commissioner has been working on content for a Club Workshop Handbook which will be an electronic (and perhaps printed) resource available to club executives after the workshops have taken place as a resource to use for the academic year.
- The Clubs and Services Administrative Assistant has been processing many Club Bank Account forms over the course of the past two weeks.
- More clubs are gradually being added to the myInvolvement platform so their executives can receive recognition on their co-curricular record.
- The Club Committee has yet to meet.

SSMU SERVICES

- The Peer Support Centre's space is complete; visit them in room 411 sometime!
- Vice-President (Finance) and I have been having meetings with different services to discuss funding opportunities.
- I'm currently working on finalizing the SSMU Services Summit date; it will be taking place on a Saturday in October. This Summit, much like Club Workshops, is an opportunity to provide resources and information to Services executives regarding funding, how to properly fill out cheque requests, and more.
- Services Review Committee has yet to meet.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

- CKUT Board of Directors met on September 16th. We discussed the upcoming CKUT referendum and the upcoming CKUT Funding Drive!



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- President kindly met with the McGill Students' Outdoors Club regarding their transition into Independent Student Group status in my absence on September 22nd.
- Working on scheduling meeting with Organic Campus to discuss their group's transition into Independent Student Group Status.

MENTAL HEALTH

- The Mental Health Commissioners and I are working on planning a Mental Health Forum regarding the State of Mental Health at McGill. This is tentatively happening Monday, October 26th.
- We have sent out the first round of invitations to panelists and are coming up with talking points.
- This will be taking place after the announcement of McGill's Wellness Strategy and following a question and answer session regarding the newly implemented integrated psychological services offered between Mental Health and Counselling Services at the Students in Mind Conference.
- The Students in Mind Conference will be taking place this Saturday, October 1st, and Sunday, October 2nd, in the SSMU Building! I will be sitting on a panel on Sunday titled: "McGill and Beyond: Do universities have a responsibility to foster and accommodate student mental health?"
- McGill's Health and Wellness Strategy will also be presented on Sunday at 1:30 PM and will be followed by a question and answer period where students are invited to ask questions regarding the strategy and regarding the development of the common intake system now offered by Mental Health and Counselling Services.
- Mental Health committee(s) has yet to meet.

STUDENT SERVICES

- I'll be giving a webinar with Joan Butterworth from Campus Life & Engagement regarding getting involved in the week following Thanksgiving (week of October 10th).
- Regarding: Integration of Mental Health and Counselling Services
 - Interim Director of Student Services believes that students have been consulted over the course of the past three years regarding wellness services via surveys, focus groups, and the cyclical review.
 - Furthermore, we have been told that more surveys will be conducted and that focus groups on the physical space for the common intake system will invite student feedback.



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- I will be sitting on a working group organized by International Student Services regarding International Health Insurance; dates are to be determined, but the working group will meet three times over the course of the year.

FAMILY CARE

- We are in the process of finalizing the Study Saturdays agreement between the SSMU, PGSS, SEDE, and Midnight Kitchen.
- I also was able to attend part of the Student Parent Orientation last Tuesday, September 20th; it was very well-attended and provided some great information to student parents! Congrats on a great event, SEDE!

MISCELLANEOUS

- I had the opportunity to attend the Forces Avenir Gala event in Quebec City last Wednesday, September 21st. The Gala was an awards ceremony rewarding students from universities across the province of Quebec for completing projects that greatly benefited students at their university. McGill had five nominees and two winners; way to represent!

Respectfully submitted,

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