



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

JANUARY 12TH, 2017

NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS

- Submit council reports in a timely manner; made reminders on my phone for each Saturday preceding council to write my council report!
- Outline clearer expectations for committees in the Student Life portfolio and communicate with committee members to better achieve the committee's goals
- Send out the Clubs and Services listserv on a more regular basis and use that medium to communicate decisions made at council to student group constituents

ACTIVITIES NIGHT

- Activities Night took place on January 10th and 11th this week—a lot of my time this first week back at work has been devoted to making sure this event will run as smoothly as possible
- Lower table registration and attendance at Winter Activities Night compared to Fall Activities Night, but I still heard positive verbal feedback from tablers
 - Sending out a Winter Activities Night feedback form on the Clubs and Services listserv similar to the feedback form for Fall Activities Night so this event can continue to improve
- Thanks to those of you who volunteered and who tabled on behalf of groups you're involved in—this event really isn't a possibility without your help and support and I hope you know how much I appreciate it.

CLUBS

- Clubs and Services Listserv was sent out to groups on Tuesday, January 10th, regarding the deadline for submitting the semi-annual club audit and regarding a "Funding Vent Session" for student groups to voice their frustrations with the current funding system.



- Club audit deadline: January 22nd, 2017
- Dollars and Sents Funding Vent Session: January 24th, 2017 | 5:00 PM-6:30 PM in SSMU Southside Cafeteria
- Questions about the club audit can be directed to the Club Auditor and questions regarding funding and the funding vent session can be directed to the Funding Commissioner.
- Met with Salseros club on January 11th to discuss the potential for a large-scale event. Meeting scheduled with Salseros, the Food and Beverage Director, and myself on Monday, January 16th.
- At the very end of the Fall 2016 semester, I attended an information session on updated software to the MyInvolvement software McGill has for the Co-Curricular Record. This software gives groups the ability to create “curricula” to achieve a goal or goals after a user completes a certain amount of tasks. I think this is a step in the right direction for offering student groups co-curricular credit for their members, not just the executives!
- Clubs that have not attended a mandatory club workshop will be contacted directly for the upcoming workshops offered this semester.
- Club Administrative Assistant is working on the potential to give free room bookings in other buildings on campus to student groups.
- Club Administrative Assistant is also working on transferring clubs to online bank accounts.
- Club Committee has yet to meet this semester.

SSMU SERVICES

- Met with a representative from Midnight Kitchen and the Services Representative on January 12th to discuss the splitting of Midnight Kitchen’s referendum questions from the Fall Referendum.
- Briefly met with a representative from Musician’s Collective regarding their new fee levy and how to budget for the upcoming semester.
- Services Review Committee has yet to meet this semester.



INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

- CKUT's Board of Directors had a training on January 4th for new members to the Board. We also brainstormed ideas for advertising, how SSMU and PGSS can support CKUT, and more!
- I'm researching how to apply for Legal Status for groups that have recently been transitioned to Independent Student Groups. This way, they don't have to take on the financial and administrative burden of being a non-profit organization, but they can still be a separate legal entity from the SSMU.

MENTAL HEALTH

- Mental Health Awareness Week will be happening January 23rd through January 29th! Mark your calendars and feel free to get in touch with the Mental Health Commissioners with any questions, suggestions, or if you simply want to help make this event a reality!
- An Assistant Residence Life Manager from the upper residences contacted me about using a few (2-3) SSMU Happy Lights for a Mental Health initiative in February. Redirected them to the SSMU Front Desk to make a Happy Light reservation.

STUDENT SERVICES

- Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Committee on Student Services meeting on January 11th due to Activities Night. The Vice-President (University Affairs) may be able to give an update to those who are interested!
- Briefly met the new Director of Student Services. Looking forward to working with her throughout the rest of the semester!
- Meeting scheduled for January 17th with Campus Life and Engagement and Vice-President Communications of Engineering Undergraduate Society to discuss the potential for creating a booklet and/or more resources for engineering students on how to get involved.

FAMILY CARE

- Seeds of Change crowdfunding campaign for Collective Kitchen is going to happen this semester!
- The first Study Saturday of the Winter Semester will be this Saturday, January 14th!



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MISCELLANEOUS

- It's good to be back!

Respectfully submitted,

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